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THE present age is happily awake to the duty of writing its own records, setting down what is best worth remembering in the lives of the busy toilers of today, noting, not in vainglory, but with an honest pride and sense of fitness, things worthy of emulation, that thus the good men do may live after them. The accounts here rendered are not of buried talents, but of used ability and opportunity. The conquests recited are of mind over matter, of cheerful labor directed by thought, of honest, earnest endeavor which subdues the earth in the divinely appointed way. "The great lesson of biography," it is said, "is to show what man can be and do at his best." A noble life put fairly on record acts like an inspiration, and no more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public.

In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk of life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of those who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of a woman performing a deed of mercy, "They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left all, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land.

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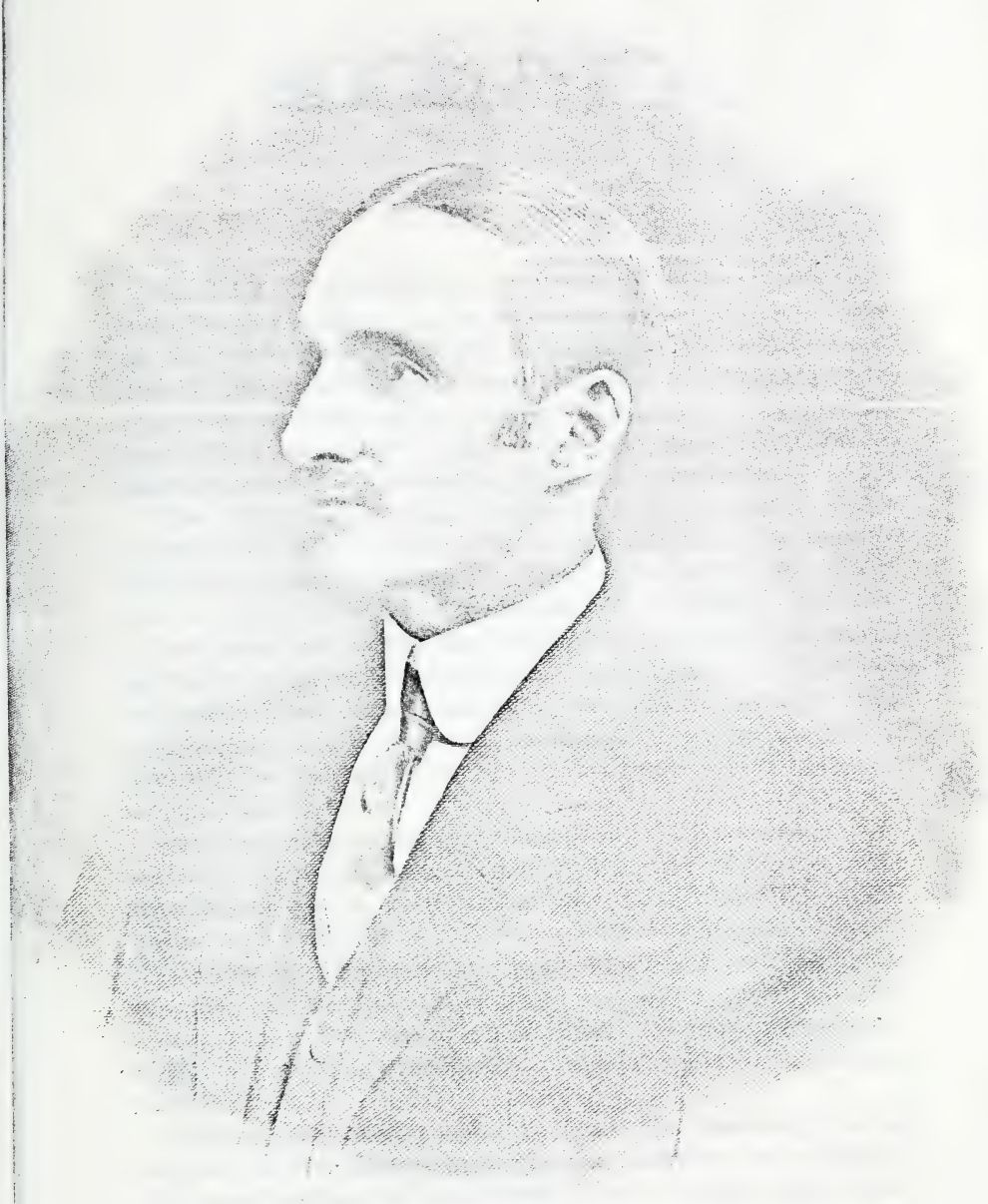


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## PAUL A. PATHE.

Mr. Paul A. Pathe is pre-eminently a business man, and one who has wielded a wide influence in the business circles of Clermont county, Ohio. His methods are intensely practical and his life of activity has been rewarded with a measure of prosperity that classes him among the foremost of substantial men of the community. His success is undoubtedly due to his wide experience and strict attention to business.

The Pathe family was originally from Germany where Adolph, the father of Paul A., of this mention, was born in 1815, and reared to young manhood with a university education at Berlin. His parents were people of quality. He took a prominent part in the insurrection of Palatinate and Baden in 1848, the failure of which gave to this country Carl Schurz and many other distinguished German-Americans, and which also obliged Adolph Pathe to immigrate to America. All the property he owned that he could not convert into cash was confiscated.

Sometime after arriving in this country he associated himself with the then famous Doctor Munde, who conducted what was known as a cold water cure establishment or sanitarium at Northampton, Mass., and which was patronized by the well-to-do people of that time. Mr. Pathe was the active manager of the establishment and succeeded in this position a man who a few years later became a National character—Henry Wirtz, superintendent of Andersonville prison during the Civil war.

Adolph Pathe was a scholarly man, his knowledge being very diversified. Music, language and chemistry were his special branches, but he was more or less familiar with other branches of science and art. In his spare time he made many musical compositions, principally for the piano, many of which he was induced to have copyrighted and published. He settled in Haverhill, Mass., in 1855, and was there united in marriage to Miss Ellen M. Smith, a native of Vermont, whose family was of Staffordshire, England, descent.



Paul A. Pathe, the first born of this marriage, pursued his education in the common schools of Haverhill, Mass., following which he attended the Franklin Academy, of Dover, N. H. After his schooling was completed Mr. Pathe began his business career in the shoe business in Newburyport, Mass., in 1879, remaining with the same firm for nearly fourteen years. During this period he served several terms of office in the different branches of the Newburyport city government, and was also prominent in political and fraternal circles. He then moved to New York City, where he was manager of a shoe factory for several years.

Mr. Pathe came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1896, where he purchased a large interest in a shoe manufacturing plant at Bethel, and became secretary and superintendent of the company. The plant employed about eighty persons in the beginning, which number has since been increased to more than two hundred employes under his management, and paying a high rate of wages, many of the employes owning their own homes. The company is known as the Cincinnati Shoe Company. Mr. Pathe became president in 1908, and his son, Paul A., Jr., is now secretary and superintendent.

Besides the plant at Bethel, the company has a plant at Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, which employs at present nearly one hundred people, having been in operation less than two years at this writing. The buildings of both plants are substantially made of brick and are splendidly equipped. They send shoes all over the country, and their worth is proven by the large demand for the output of these factories.

The great event in the life of Mr. Paul A. Pathe occurred in 1878, when he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Rogers, a daughter of Tristram Gould Rogers, of Byfield, Mass., and Nancy Towle (Dow) Rogers, of Seabrook, N. H. Mrs. Pathe's mother was a first cousin to the American statesman, Hon. Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, attorney-general in the cabinet of President Pierce, and also the first United States minister and plenipotentiary to the courts of China and Spain. Mrs. Rogers's father, Capt. Daniel Dow, and Mr. Cushing's mother, Lydia Dow, were brother and sister. Charles Nelson Rogers, a brother of Mrs. Pathe, was a Civil war veteran, who died at Fortress Monroe.

One son and one daughter have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pathe. The daughter, Bertha M., died when a few years old. The son, Paul A., Jr., was born in Newburyport,



Mass., in 1884, and came with his parents to Clermont county some seventeen years since. He married Miss Jennie Scott Cook, a graduate of Wooster University. They are parents of one son, Laurence Weissmann, who was born at Bethel in 1912. Paul A. Pathe, Jr., is an independent Republican, and has satisfactorily filled the office of mayor of the town in which he resides; he is also a member of the Masonic order.

Mr. Paul A. Pathe is an independent Democrat, and has served in several local public offices, but is not an office seeker. He is a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of Pythias, and is a past chancellor of the organization; and was also for several years a director in the First National Bank of Bethel. He is also a member of the Business Men's Club of Cincinnati. He is broad-minded and liberal in his views on all questions, and numbers his friends among all classes. There is perhaps no other man in the town who has been a greater benefit, commercially and socially, than has our subject.

The home and home life of Mr. and Mrs. Pathe is ideal, having rich simplicity and charming hospitality. Mrs. Pathe is a lady of high intelligence and one whom to know is a pleasure and privilege. She is thoroughly domestic in her tastes and her home is the best evidence of this pre-eminent virtue.

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#### HON. EARL E. ERTEL.

One of the leading young business men of Clermont county, Ohio, who has attained more than local prominence in both commercial and political circles, is Mr. Earl E. Ertel, a man of versatile talent, whose business activity and energy combined with great intellectual ability, have been the salient features of his successful career. Mr. Ertel is a member of the mercantile firm of Flinn & Ertel, of Loveland, this association having existed for the past ten years. He is also connected with the Reading Iron Company, of Reading, Pa., as salesman, with offices in the Pickering Building, at Cincinnati. Mr. Ertel has, in addition to his many other business interests, done some journalistic work for the local papers and for the "Commercial Tribune." Mr. Ertel is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred at Loveland, June 13, 1883, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Emma (Prather) Ertel.





Mr. Earl E. Ertel is a descendant of German ancestors, his paternal great-great-grandfather, who was a noted physician, was born in Germany, and came to America when a young man, locating in Pennsylvania, where, after a useful and successful professional career, passed to his eternal reward, some years before the beginning of the Nineteenth century.

Daniel Ertel, a son of the founder of the family in America, was born in Pennsylvania, and there grew to young manhood, and after reaching man's estate, married Catherine Myers, who came with him to Ohio, June 25, 1795, settling at Columbia, near Cincinnati. Daniel Ertel was a farmer by occupation and became the owner of the first farm on record in what is now Warren county, Ohio, purchasing this land from Colonel Paxton, who secured it by a land warrant for services in the War of the Revolution. The first orchard established in Warren county was probably planted by Mr. Daniel Ertel, from seed, and is remembered by the older residents of that locality.

Jacob Ertel, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Myers) Ertel, was born in Warren county, August 29, 1810, and was a progressive farmer, making a specialty of sweet potatoes and plants, being extensively engaged in this line of work. He was also an expert stone mason, which occupation he followed in connection with his farming interests. He was united in marriage with Miss Malinda Borum.

Benjamin F. Ertel, a son of Jacob and Malinda (Borum) Ertel, was born in Warren county, Ohio, October 4, 1846, and from his father learned the trade of stone mason. For a period of thirty-six years Mr. Ertel followed this trade and worked in twenty-seven states. In 1868, Mr. Ertel traveled through the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, finally returning to Illinois, where he located at Lincoln for four and one-half years, engaging in the grocery business. Mr. Ertel returned to Ohio in 1874, and in Newport, Ky., August 29, 1876, was united in marriage to Miss Emma G. Prather, who was born in Covington, Ky., June 23, 1856, her parents being Joshua Pigman Prather, born at Chilo, Clermont county, Ohio, and Mary Frances Crupper, born at Maysville, Ky.

By this union three children were born:

One child died in infancy.

Earl E., the subject of this mention.

Elma M., who is Mrs. O. D. Walker, of Loveland, Ohio, has one child, Maxine.



For a few years, Mr. Benjamin F. Ertel made a specialty of raising sweet potatoes and plants, after which he engaged in the contracting business. Benjamin F. Ertel cast his first presidential ballot for S. J. Tilden, in 1876, and has always been a Democrat. He has served his party, satisfactorily, in the capacity of justice of the peace and clerk of the council of Loveland.

Mr. Earl E. Ertel acquired his education in Loveland, graduating from the high school, at the head of the class of 1901, and the following year entered upon his business career in the employ of the Reading Iron Company, of Reading, Pa., and the next year became a member of the firm of Flinn & Ertel.

On June 21, 1911, Mr. Earl E. Ertel was united in marriage to Miss Mabel N. Blair, of Madisonville, Ohio, a daughter of William H. Blair, formerly county commissioner of Hamilton county, Ohio.

Mr. Ertel, as an intelligent citizen, has always taken an active interest in politics, giving his support to the Democratic party. It is almost impossible for a man of the character and ability of Mr. Ertel to avoid prominence in politics, and in 1913 he was elected by his party to the office of State representative in the Ohio General Assembly.

Fraternally, Mr. Ertel has membership with the Masonic order, of Loveland, and the Modern Woodmen of America, of Loveland. He is also a member of the Loveland Board of Education, and takes an active interest in school affairs.

Mr. Ertel is a regular attendant of the Methodist church, and gives liberally to the support of that denomination and to all worthy enterprises.

Mr. Ertel has made steady progress toward his objective point, his career being characterized by unrelenting industry, laudable ambition and successful accomplishment. Moreover, the principles of his manhood have been such as to command the respect and confidence and Loveland numbers him among the representative citizens who are worthy of the trust and good will of their fellow men.

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### EDWIN C. ELY.

Edwin C. Ely, one of the most prominent attorneys of Clermont county, Ohio, whose intense and well directed efforts have brought him into connection with many lines of activity





of so far-reaching effect that it is almost impossible to determine the most important chapter of his life history, was born at Savannah, Mo., October 1, 1864, a son of Rev. William R. and Lavina (Weaver) Ely.

Rev. William R. Ely was born at Batavia, Ohio, May 9, 1827, and died September 13, 1903, at the home of his birth. He was a minister of the Methodist church and for over twenty years was active in the conference. He lived at Batavia until 1852, when he removed to Acton, Ind., remaining there until 1863. At this place, Rev. Ely buried four of his children in three days, of a malignant epidemic of flux. Mrs. Ely was also taken with the same affliction and it was thought best to change climate, which they did, returning to Batavia until she should have recovered her health. While they were away from their home, it and all the contents were burned. This was a great loss to them and they remained at Batavia for a time, and then went to Savannah, Mo., in 1864, where he was in active service in the Methodist Episcopal conference until 1884, when he was retired, returning again to Batavia, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Rev. William R. Ely was known all over the states of Missouri and Ohio as a horticulturist, knowing every tree, flower, grass and bird, their habits and nature. He was a great lover of Nature, and taught his son the love of all things beautiful. He did much to beautify his home and city.

Mrs. Lavina (Weaver) Ely was also a native of Clermont county, Ohio, being born in 1827, and died in 1907. She was buried by the side of her husband in the Batavia cemetery. They had five children born to them, all of whom, with the exception of our subject, Edwin C., died in childhood.

William Mount Ely, the father of the Rev. William, and the grandfather of Edwin C., was born in New Jersey, in 1802, and came with his parents to Clermont county in 1804. He was a son of George Ely, who was a native of New Jersey, and two years after he came to the county, 1806, purchased a tract of land under the James Johnson Survey, number 1,776. He had other lands also, and in 1814 he, with D. C. Bryan, laid out the town of Batavia, which comprised sixty-two and one-half acres. He was probably the first sheriff in the county, and was a Democrat. He had four children: Matilda, Rebecca, William Mount and George.

William Mount Ely, who was a farmer and stock raiser, also kept a hotel in Batavia, where he acquired the name of



"Laughing Bill," on account of his hearty, whole-souled laugh. He was a big man, with great broad shoulders and fine physique. He was a great lover of horses and dogs, and it was considered a treat to ride one of his fine horses. He was generous to a fault and although, at one time he was the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land, he owned but forty acres at the time of his death, by reason of his liberality. He was the father of seven children, all of whom were born in Clermont county:

Harriet, married D. C. Everhart, of Batavia and Newtown. She died in 1852.

William, the father of our subject.

George, who lives in Chicago, is past eighty years of age.

Mary, who was the wife of William H. Hardin, died near Savannah, Mo., in 1871.

John, died in Chicago in 1899.

Daniel J., whose death occurred at Savannah, Mo., in 1890.

Achsah, married William T. Eddy, a grandnephew of the husband of the noted Christian Science leader, Mrs. Baker Grover Eddy. Their home is at Templeton, Cal.

All four of these sons were in the Civil war, enlisting from Indiana. William Mount Ely passed from this life in 1881, at Maitland, Mo. His wife's death occurred in 1870, and she is buried in Savannah.

Mr. Edwin C. Ely received his education in the public schools of Batavia, and graduated from the high school of Chillicothe, Mo., then studied law under C. H. Mansur, of Chillicothe, who was then general counsel for the Wabash & Pacific Railway Company, also second comptroller of currency, under President Cleveland.

At the age of nineteen years, Edwin Ely passed the competitive examinations at West Point, ranking first in them. He also passed examinations for admission to the bar the following year, but on account of his age was compelled to wait until his majority.

In 1887, Mr. E. C. Ely returned to Batavia, where he taught school for nine years, still reading law under E. Q. Crane and Mr. J. R. Woodlief. He was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, in 1896, and ranked third in a class of fifty-two students. He began the practice of law at Batavia at once, where for nearly seventeen years he has carried on a general law business, with offices in the Clermont Hotel Building.

From 1900 to 1909, Mr. Ely served the community in which





he lives as mayor, demonstrating with characteristic energy a spirit of devotion to the public good. With the co-operation of such gentlemen as Mr. Nichols, Mr. Speidel, Mr. Parrot and others, he was enabled to make many improvements in the town, such as the putting down of good cement walks all over the town, the installation of electricity, city water, and telephone, in fact advocating any and all measures that were for the good of the people and the beautifying of the town in which they live. Although not now in office, Mr. Ely still displays an interest in the welfare of his towns-people.

Mr. Edwin C. Ely was married, November 6, 1887, to Miss Patience Brown, also a native of Batavia, and was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Brown) Brown, farmers of the county. She was one of a large family, but all have passed from this life but Mr. Frank Brown, of Batavia. To this union one child was born:

Miss Daisy, who was born at Batavia, July 17, 1894. She is in the senior class of the Batavia High School. Mrs. Ely died in 1898, and was buried in the Batavia cemetery. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Ely's second marriage took place in 1899, to Miss Lou Medaris, who was born in Owensville, Ohio, in 1872, and is a daughter of Charles and Phoebe (Hill) Medaris, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Mr. Medaris was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. There are two children: C. E. Medaris, who lives at Harveyville, Kan., and the wife of Mr. E. C. Ely. Mr. Ely is the father of two children by his second marriage:

Forrest Edwin, born at Batavia, April 1, 1901. He is an extremely bright boy and has made a fine record in school for one of his years. He does all of his father's banking business, and drafts mortgages, being an all round help to his parents. He won a pony, cart and harness as a prize for selling the largest number of Saturday Evening Posts in ten weeks, for the Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia. He also owns the agency of the White Star Laundry, and has a bank account of over two hundred dollars.

Louise, who was born June 20, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely are members of the Methodist church, of which they are active workers, the former being on the official board and a teacher in the Sunday school, teaching the men's class of thirty-five members. Mr. Ely started this class some years ago, with a few members, and has devoted much thought and time to the enlarging of the class roll. He has





been connected with the Sunday school for years as superintendent and teacher.

Fraternally, Mr. Ely is a Mason, and has filled all of the offices of the Blue lodge. Mrs. Ely is a member of the Eastern Star, and both are very popular both fraternally and socially.

Mr. Edwin C. Ely has been local counsel for the Bell Telephone Company for nine years, and is a Republican in politics. He still owns the farm of one hundred and four acres that belonged to his mother, and is what is considered a self-made man. Mr. Ely is a great reader of history and fiction, and is in possession of several poems of which his father, William R. Ely, was the author. Among them are "The Land of Somewhere," "The Reveries of Spring," which have been printed.

Mr. Ely is a man of deep feeling and sympathy, a man of pleasing address, who always has a good word for every one, and stands for all that is good, noble and true. He usually delivers the annual address at the Weaver Reunion, which is most interesting and entertaining.

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### NICHOLS FAMILY.

The name of Nichols has been identified with the history and progress of Clermont county from its very earliest settlement.

Nathan Nichols, the progenitor of the Clermont county Nichols, who had followed the sea for many years, was the first inhabitant of this county of that name now so widely known. He came from his Virginia home with the members of his family, making the long journey on horseback late in the Eighteenth century. Nathan Nichols seems to have been a man of some substance, and on his arrival in Ohio he bought 1,000 acres of land in Hamilton county, near what was then Fort Washington, now Cincinnati. After a short residence there, finding the location unhealthy he exchanged this land for a tract of equal extent in Monroe township, upon which he established his home and lived for the remainder of his life. The house which he erected on this land, of stone quarried with his own hands from the earth, was long a landmark in that locality.

Nathan Nichols was the father of thirteen children: Philip,



the ancestor of Judge Perry J. Nichols, William S. Nichols, John C. Nichols, grandfather of C. B. Nichols, of Batavia, and of John Nichols, and George W. Nichols, of Mt. Washington, Ohio, and Abner, Catherine, David C., Elijah G., Nathan, Robert, Elizabeth, Thomas J., and Jonathan C. Nichols. Among the descendants of the children of Nathan Nichols, above named, still residing in this county are David H. Nichols, now over eighty years of age, living near the old home in Monroe township, and Thomas J. Nichols, of New Richmond. Philip Nichols, the grandfather of Judge Perry J. Nichols, was born July 12, 1785, and among the children was Thomas L. Nichols, the father of the subject of this sketch, who died at an advanced age at his home near New Richmond within recent years. Thomas L. Nichols intermarried with Evaline Donham, daughter of Col. Jonathan S. Donham, a large land holder and a man for many years prominent in the public affairs of Clermont county. Among the children were the late Perry J. Donham, long a prominent lawyer in Cincinnati; E. J. Donham, for two terms treasurer of Clermont county, from 1880 to 1884, and R. W. Donham, still a resident of New Richmond.

Judge Perry Jackson Nichols was the eldest child of the marriage of Thomas L. Nichols and Evaline Donham, and was born at the family home, on a farm near New Richmond, March 30, 1839. His boyhood was passed on the farm and his life was that of most farm boys, giving assistance in the work of the farm and enjoying such scant advantages for education as the country schools afforded. When thirteen years of age his father secured the contract for the carrying of the mail from New Richmond in this country to Blanchester, Clinton county, and Deerfield, Warren county, and the boy, who was in the future to hold so prominent a place in the community of his birth, took charge of this work and for several months, without regard to weather conditions, performed the long journey involved on horseback twice a week. In after life in referring to this episode in his career, he spoke of it with gratification, ignoring the hardships involved and dwelling only on the pleasure it gave him to reflect that he had been able thus to assist and make easier the labors of his father.

In 1856-7-8, he was employed under the direction of his father, who was a steam engineer, in that business, and acquired a working knowledge of the engineering trade. In





1859 he attended school at Parker's Academy, and later for a brief season at the Farmer's College, near Cincinnati. He then secured a certificate and taught school for two years, and during his spare time prosecuted the study of law under the direction of his uncle, Perry J. Donham, then engaged in the practice of law in New Richmond. At the September term of the district court, held at Batavia, in 1861, Judge Nichols was admitted to the practice of the law and shortly thereafter formed a partnership with Mr. Donham, which continued until the removal of the latter from New Richmond to Portsmouth. From about 1863 to 1867 he continued in the practice of the law at New Richmond alone, and in the last named year entered into a partnership with Judge Frank Davis, which continued until Judge Nichols was elected probate judge and removed to Batavia, in 1879. His success as a lawyer was a marked one from the beginning of his professional career, and this was due to his native ability, thorough grasp of the principles of the law and unflagging industry in the prosecution of his business. In 1865 he was elected mayor of New Richmond, and served in that office up to 1870. The period of his service as mayor of New Richmond is marked in the annals of that town as being the most satisfactory in improvements accomplished during the life of the village. The public spirit which was a marked feature of his character found scope in forwarding improvements of streets, sidewalks, and in the creation of the beautiful park, in which the citizens there still take a just pride. Elected probate judge in 1878, he moved to Batavia, and since then has been a resident of that town, retiring at the end of his term to resume the practice of law, and for a few years was associated in business with Judge Frank Davis and Thomas A. Griffith. This firm was dissolved by the death of Mr. Griffith, in 1885.

In 1886 his son, Hon. Hugh L. Nichols, now lieutenant-governor of Ohio, became his father's partner and this connection continued up to the death of Judge Nichols. In 1900 Allen B. Nichols, another son, was admitted to the partnership.

Judge Nichols was married August 21, 1862, to Jeannette Gilmore, a daughter of Hugh Gilmore, a leading merchant of New Richmond, and Jean Hayes Gilmore. Hugh Gilmore was a native of County Down, Ireland, and his wife of County Antrim. Hugh Gilmore was for thirty years a leading business man and respected citizen of New Richmond. There were born to the marriage of Judge Perry J. Nichols and Jeannette Gilmore, children as follows:



Annie M., who intermarried with J. C. F. Tatman, now deceased, whose home is in Batavia.

Hugh L. Nichols, the above named now lieutenant-governor of Ohio.

Carrie B., who intermarried with E. W. Buvinger, and who passed away within a few years after her marriage.

Nellie M., the wife of Dr. Linn Moore, both of whom died young.

Florence E., who died unmarried.

Allen B., now a leading attorney of the Clermont bar.

All the years of Judge Nichols's professional practice were fruitful in accomplishment from a professional standpoint. Almost from the beginning of his career, he, as a lawyer, was recognized as a safe counselor and especially strong in the trial of contested cases. Trustworthy in the fullest extent of the term, those who confided their business to him soon came to recognize in him not only a professional advisor, but also a personal friend. There is perhaps no man who ever practiced his profession in Clermont county who possessed the complete confidence of those whose affairs he managed to a greater degree than did Judge Nichols. While his energies were largely devoted to the business of his profession he loved literature, and in his reading displayed a rare discrimination and taste. In books, he loved and appreciated the best. His love of order was made manifest in his methodical arrangement, in all business affairs, and his love of the beautiful was shown in his taste, amounting to almost a passion for improvements of every kind. This was especially manifest in his constant effort to make more beautiful the surroundings with which he daily came in contact, both in and about his home and throughout the village where he dwelt.

Judge Nichols continued in his usual good health up to less than a year before his death, when signs of physical failing made themselves manifest, and it became apparent to family and friends that he was the victim of some insidious disease. Notwithstanding this, his buoyancy of spirit asserted itself triumphant over physical ails, and he continued up to a few weeks before his death to give his attention to the office, of which he was the head, and it was only then by the urgings of those who loved him most that he consented to lay aside the cares of business and retire to the repose of his home, and here in the midst of his family he passed away, closing a long and useful life, full of good deeds and rich in material achievement, on the 18th day of November, 1907.



## E. A. LOCKWOOD.

In no other business in life is there a greater demand for intellectual ability, strong characteristics and sound judgment than in the management of a modern newspaper. In no other vocation is there greater need for diplomacy and fearlessness in advancing ideas and policies. In the eighty-five years the "Clermont Sun" has been in existence there has been associated with the editing and managing of the paper none but competent and capable men.

The "Clermont Sun" was established at Bethel, in July, 1828, by Samuel Medary, who was Territorial Governor of Kansas during President Buchanan's administration, and who was a great uncle of the present business manager, E. A. Lockwood. The paper is operated under the firm name of Lockwood & Breeding, proprietors and publishers.

The "Sun" has been the Democratic organ of the county since it was first established, although the county was controlled by the Republican party from 1878 to 1885. From 1885 to 1902, Mr. E. A. Lockwood held the editorship of the paper and since then has been the business manager. From 1902 to the present time Mr. John W. Lennin has attended to the editorial work.

Mr. E. A. Lockwood was born in Madison, Ind., January 19, 1855, which place was his home until in 1862, when the family removed to Clermont county, Ohio. He is a son of Elder J. H. Lockwood, more extensively mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

Mr. Lockwood attended the public schools of the county until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he entered Parker's Academy, graduating in the class of 1875. He then spent two years at Butler University, at Irvington, Ind., near Indianapolis. From 1879 until 1882, Mr. Lockwood taught in the high school at Moscow, this county, and from then until 1885, he was superintendent of the schools at Bethel.

In 1879, Mr. Lockwood married Miss Susan J. Porter, who was born and reared near Nicholasville, a daughter of William and Asenath (Lane) Porter, early residents of Monroe township. They were of Scotch descent, and have been deceased for some years.

Mrs. Lockwood died in June, 1895, at the age of forty years, leaving three sons:

Howard T., who is a civil engineer, is at present asso-





ciated with the Wood-Harmon Company, of New York City, as chief engineer. He married Miss Emma Zimmer, of Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio. They have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Helen Porter.

Allen P. is manager of the office of the Kelley Island Lime and Transport Company, of Buffalo, New York. He married Miss Pearl Cox, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. She is a granddaughter of the late Joseph Cox, ex-circuit judge. They have one daughter, Virginia Sue.

Henry A., of New York City, is connected with the Wood-Harmon, Real Estate Company. He married Miss Blanch MacDonald, of New Rochelle, New York.

Mr. Lockwood married a second time, in August, 1902, Miss Josephine Zimmer, a sister of his son's wife. Mrs. Lockwood was born and reared near Point Isabel, Clermont county, and later resided near Williamsburg, until her marriage. She is a daughter of Joseph and Mary Zimmer, who were early settlers of Clermont county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood attend the Presbyterian church of Batavia, where Mr. Lockwood placed his letter when he removed from Bethel to that place. He united with the Christian church at Bethel years ago, changing only for the reason that there was no church of that denomination in Batavia.

In political views, Mr. Lockwood is always a Democrat.

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### DR. ISAAC REDROW.

Dr. Isaac Redrow is known throughout Clermont county, Ohio, as an able professional man of experience, ripened by years of practice in his profession, and the result of this experience gives ample proof of the esteem and confidence in which he is held in the community where he has practiced for forty-four years. His birth occurred in Cincinnati, March 1, 1840. The parents of Dr. Redrow were Enoch and Mary Jane (Snowhill) Redrow, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey, but who came to Ohio when quite young. While still in New Jersey, he learned the shipbuilder's trade, which he followed in Fulton, and later in Cincinnati. He lived an active life and died in 1861, at the age of fifty-five years. He was of the Methodist Episcopal faith. Mary Jane (Snowhill) Redrow was born at Lebanon, Ohio, and died in Cincinnati, in 1840.

Dr. Redrow was reared at Fayetteville, Brown county,



Ohio, attending the public schools of that place, taking up the study of medicine with Dr. W. C. Hall, 1865 to 1869.

September 11, 1861, Isaac Redrow enlisted, in Cincinnati, in Company B, Fifth Ohio cavalry, as a soldier and corporal, serving three years and three months. He was in twenty-three important engagements, including Shiloh, Hatchie, Holly Springs, Coldwater, Lexington, Corinth, Pittsburg Landing, Davis Mills, Lebanon, Missionary Ridge and others.

A remarkable fact is that in all these battles Dr. Redrow was never once wounded.

Returning from the war, Dr. Redrow again took up the study of medicine, and began to practice in Fayetteville in 1868, continuing for one year, coming to Williamsburg in 1869, at which place he has resided until the present time.

The marriage of Dr. Redrow to Miss Katie Leffingwell was solemnized in 1875. Mrs. Redrow is a daughter of Sidney S. and Melissa (Byron) Leffingwell, who owned and operated the grist and saw mills at Williamsburg from 1848 to 1861. He also turned out chair material, probably the first ever made here. His father, Capt. Samuel Leffingwell, was in the government service and received as his remuneration some 1,100 acres of land within three miles of Williamsburg, which includes the farms owned by Mr. McKeever, Mr. Reed and others. He was a merchant in Williamsburg, coming here in 1832, from Norfolk, Va., where his wife's decease occurred in 1810. The Leffingwell family was founded in America by Thomas Leffingwell about 1636. Mrs. Redrow is one of nine children who grew to maturity, and is the only one who remained in Clermont county. The others are:

Mrs. Harriet C. Richards, of Lawrence, Kan.

Mrs. Olive B. Warden, of Choctaw City, Okla.

Charles H. Leffingwell, of California, who was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mrs. Judith P. Wageman, of Texas.

Horace Leffingwell, of San Marcus, Texas.

Dr. Redrow had one sister, Mrs. Matilda Lake, who died in 1873; one half brother, William Redrow, of Company B. Fifth Ohio cavalry, who was wounded at Shiloh, from the effects of which he died later.

To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Redrow have been born two children:

Walter L. Redrow was graduated from the Ohio State University, class of 1900. He received the degree of Bachelor of





Laws from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., 1903, and the degree of Master of Patent Law from George Washington University in 1904. He is now in the patent office at Washington, D. C. He married Eleanor, daughter of George Daugherty, of Washington, D. C., and they have two children—Eileen and Allen.

Clara Redrow was graduated from the Ohio State University in the class of 1903. She married William Ireton, who is in the mail service. They have two children—Carl and Eleanor.

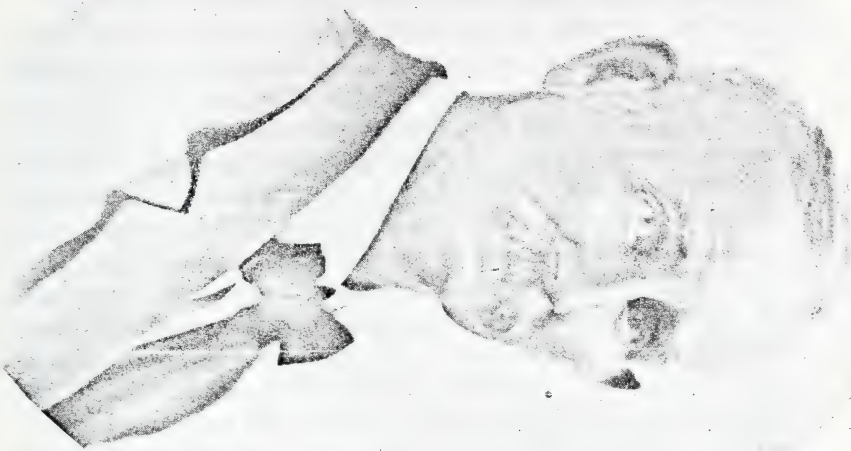
In political views, Dr. Redrow is a Republican, but does not care to hold office, believing that his first duty is to his profession. He is a member of the Clermont County Medical Association, and was formerly a member of the Ohio State and American Medical associations, and is also a Mason. Dr. Redrow is a member of the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has filled all the offices. He has given his life to a profession which is of eminent service to his fellow men, and his zeal and enthusiasm in his chosen calling have won for him the kind regard from all. He lived during the Nation's peril and offered himself with courage and energy in her defense. His life has been one of usefulness to others.

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### JOSEPH R. SMITH.

One of the best known men in Clermont county is Joseph R. Smith, an extensive farmer and stock raiser, and a prominent member of the local organization of the Democratic party. He has held many township offices and has otherwise been active in political circles. He has a fine farm of two hundred acres, about three miles east of Milford, on the Milford and Woodville pike, his postoffice address being Milford, Rural Route No. 1. He is a native of Cincinnati, born March 2, 1850, son of William F. and Eliza (Paylor) Smith. He was educated in his native city, living there until he was sixteen years of age, when his parents bought land in Miami township, but about thirty-five or forty years later his father retired from active life and returned to Cincinnati, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife are buried in Greenland Cemetery, the latter having passed away a few years before his death. The father was a Democrat, but did not care for





JOSEPH R. SMITH



MARY (GARLAND) SMITH



public office. He and his wife were devout members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Smith attended the public schools and took up farming upon leaving school. After attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, and about four years later was united in marriage with Miss Mary Garland, who was born in Wilmington, Ohio, in 1849, daughter of Rev. B. F. and Maria (Rybolt) Garland. Four children have blessed this union: Torston G., Tauszky, Oscar J. and Otta. Tauszky received a good common school education and is a merchant at Madisonville. He married Carrie Gatch, and they have two children, Florence E. and Mary Elizabeth. Oscar J. married Mrs. Florence (Batten) Garland, and now owns and operates his father's farm. He has one son, Carl Garland. Otta married Dr. Frank Batten, of Clarksville, Ohio.

Mr. Smith is a Democrat in political affairs, and since the age of maturity has been active in public affairs. He has served several times as delegate to various conventions, has held township offices. In 1900 he was appointed land appraiser by Auditor John Davis, but refused to accept the office on account of poor health. He is now county commissioner, having been elected in 1909, and re-elected in 1911, and during the term of his incumbency of this office new pikes have been constructed, also a large bridge with concrete floor at Edenton, the first in the county. There is another concrete bridge at Loveland. He has progressive ideas and is broad-minded in his application of intelligence and foresight to the questions which come up in connection with his office. He realizes that it is the cheapest and best way for the county to construct its bridges in a manner that will last a long time, even though the first cost seems high, and that the safety and welfare of the citizens of the county are best served by a careful study of present and future conditions.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant hill, of which he is a trustee, and was one of the building committee when the new church edifice was erected. He enjoys to a large extent the confidence and esteem of his fellows and is recognized as a man of careful judgment and integrity. He is fraternally connected with the Knights of Pythias of Milford. Mrs. Smith died in January, 1908, at the age of fifty-seven years, sadly mourned by her family and many friends. She is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, at Milford.





## FRANCIS E. BETTLE.

Francis E. Bettle, one of the most prosperous and enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Clermont county, owns and operates the beautiful farm of one hundred acres located in Ohio township, formerly the home of Mrs. Bettle's father, Mr. John Shaw. Mr. Bettle is well known throughout the county, having been born in Monroe township, November 1, 1836, a son of Samuel and Julia Ann (Simmons) Bettle, both of whom were of early Clermont county families.

Samuel Bettle, father of the subject of this review, was born September 1, 1800, in Philadelphia, Pa., whose parents were Everard and Mary (Trump) Bettle, also of Philadelphia. Mr. Everard Bettle, grandfather of Francis, came to Newtown, near Cincinnati, about 1808 or 1809, and shortly after bought a large tract of land, extending from the Franklin neighborhood to the river, settling in Monroe township. In the McGraw Survey, Mr. Bettle secured seven or eight hundred acres of wild land not far from New Richmond, making of himself a large land owner. He was of Quaker stock, but later joined the Methodist Episcopal church, where he took great pleasure in active Christian work. It may be said of both Mr. and Mrs. Everard Bettle that they were living examples of the faith which they possessed. Mr. Bettle passed from this life in 1835, and Mrs. Bettle's decease occurred in 1840. They were the parents of six children: Josiah, John, Evard, Jr., Elizabeth married Mr. Gleason, Mary married Mr. McDonald.

Samuel was reared from childhood in Monroe township. He was a successful farmer, possessing two hundred and fifty acres of fine land at the time of his death, July 21, 1865. He served well and faithfully in several township offices. Both Mr. Bettle and his good wife were members of the Methodist church and helped to build the Franklin church. Mr. Bettle was a Whig in the early days. Mrs. Bettle, whose birth occurred September 20, 1806, died October 25, 1870. She was a daughter of Leonard Simmons, of an early family of Clermont county. They had eleven children born to them, eight of whom grew to maturity:

Eliza, Nancy, and Elizabeth, all deceased.

Francis E., the subject of this sketch.

DeWitt, died at five years of age.

Milton, deceased.



John, died in the Civil war, in 1862, near Shiloh, being a member of a Kentucky regiment.

Julia, widow of Thomas Willis.

George, of Monroe township.

Francis E. Bettle received his education at a select school and at the Farmer's College, on College Hill, Cincinnati. After finishing the agricultural course, Mr. Bettle taught school for two years, then resumed farming for a time. Later, he studied surveying, which profession he has followed, successfully, for fifty years, doing a large amount of professional work for the county.

The marriage of Mr. Bettle to Miss Nancy Shaw was celebrated May 29, 1861, in the present home, then the John Shaw homestead. The young couple resided in Monroe township until 1882, when they removed to their comfortable home, where they have lived for thirty years. Mrs. Bettle, a daughter of John Shaw, was born, February 7, 1839. To this union were born six children:

Jessie C., who married Elmer E. Hunt, of Olive Branch, this county. They have two children: Francis Wayland and Elizabeth.

John S., of Texas, is farming near Crystal City. He married Miss Etta McCoy and they have two sons: Everard and Ossie Allen.

Ida H., at home.

Julia Viola, is the wife of John Carnes, a farmer of Monroe township. They are the parents of three children: Mary M., John F., and Mildred B.

Francis W., of St. Louis, Mo., a civil engineer, married Miss Grace Seagrist, and to this union have been born three children: Albert F., Catherine, and Margaret.

Elizabeth, the wife of Harry Layfield, a steamboat engineer in the government service, now on the rivers. Two sons have blessed this couple: William D. and Milton B.

Mr. Bettle's political views are Democratic, and he has served in the various township offices, offering to those with whom he has been associated, an example of one not only having opinions, but also having the courage to express them. He is well and favorably known in the community where he has spent his entire life, and that many of his staunchest friends have known him from his boyhood days to the present is an indication that his life has ever been straightforward and honorable.





## WILLIAM M. FRIDMAN.

The career of the business man has few of those spectacular phases which make the life record of the military or political leader of wide-spread interest, yet thinkers throughout all the ages have regarded the profession of law as that which most greatly conserves public stability and progress. It is to the work of the courts that William M. Fridman has given his time and attention since 1887, coming to the bar with good equipment and since that time making the most of his opportunities for advancement in the difficult and arduous profession of the law. He has practiced in Cincinnati since April, 1891, and the court records show his connection with various cases of importance. He was born in Clermontville, Clermont county, Ohio, February 26, 1863, son of Franklin and Milly A. (Bushman) Fridman, the former a native of Stollen, Baden, Germany, and came to America in 1830. Franklin Fridman was the pioneer merchant of Clermontville and more extended mention of his remarkable activities are to be found on other pages of this work.

William M. Fridman attended the public schools, continued his studies in the Clermont Academy, at Clermontville, Ohio, until his sixteenth year; next entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, graduating in 1884 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His literary knowledge served as an excellent basis upon which to build the superstructure of his professional knowledge. Mr. Fridman's law study began under the preceptorship of Frank Davis, the present judge of the common pleas court of Clermont and Brown counties, Ohio. He came to the Cincinnati Law School in 1886, and the following year won the degree of Bachelor of Laws upon his graduation in May, 1887. Mr. Fridman at once began practice at New Richmond, Ohio, where he remained until April, 1891, and then came to Cincinnati and formed a partnership with Marshall Moreton; one year later engaged in practice in association with George G. Bright, under the firm name of Bright & Fridman, which firm was dissolved January 1, 1894. He was then associated with Edward J. Dempsey, until May, 1898, at which time Mr. Dempsey was elected judge of the superior court. He was then associated with Edward Barton until the latter became general attorney of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. In May, 1903, he formed a partnership with Judge Edward J. Dempsey, as Dempsey & Fridman,



until January, 1906. Mr. Fridman has since followed his profession independently, and with notable success. He has indicated his ability to cope successfully with intricate and involved legal problems and to present his cause in such clear and logical form that he never fails to hold attention of court or jurors and seldom fails to gain the desired verdict. Other business interests have to a limited extent claimed his attention, for he has been a director of the First National Bank of New Richmond, Ohio, and is now a director of the Fridman Lumber Company, and of the Fridman Seating Company, both paying enterprises.

June 12, 1900, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Fridman was married to Miss Katherine Tombach, a daughter of August and Rose Tombach. Her father was superintendent of the Powell Brass Work Foundry, but passed away in 1878. The mother, however, still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman reside at No. 2256 Jefferson Place, Norwood. Mr. Fridman was elected mayor of Norwood in November, 1911. In politics always a Democrat, since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and fraternally a Mason, widely known in the order. He is now past master of Vattier Lodge, No. 386, Free and Accepted Masons, and has also taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. In sympathy with the benevolent and beneficent purpose of the order, he also enjoys its social relations, for he is a man to whom friendship means much and to his friends he is ever loyal. The same loyal spirit is manifested in his professional work, and his capability as a practitioner of law has enabled him long since to leave the ranks of the many and to stand among the more successful few.

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#### CLAYTON H. CORBIN.

There is perhaps no line of business that demands more close and unremitting effort than does farming, and yet there is none that yields more safe and sure returns than this same occupation if pursued along progressive lines, responding readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Corbin has verified this assertion in the control and improvement of his excellent farm in Monroe township, near Laurel, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. Mr. Corbin is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred here,



July 17, 1871, he being a son of Nicholas Dow and Elizabeth (Stilman) Corbin.

Nicholas Corbin was born in Clermont county, April 24, 1824, and died October 16, 1897. Mr. Corbin was a farmer, whose efforts along agricultural lines were crowned with success. He was an uncle of the late Gen. H. C. Corbin. Elizabeth (Stilman) Corbin was born in Cincinnati, in 1828, and passed away in 1902. Both Mr. and Mrs. Corbin were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. To this union were born six children, of whom but two are living:

Mrs. Alice Roudebush, is the wife of Mr. Lowell Roudebush.

Mr. C. H. Corbin, the subject of this sketch.

Those who are deceased are: Hannah, Belle, Hosea, and George.

C. H. Corbin received his education in the schools here and at Lebanon, Ohio. His life work has been devoted to general farming, in which occupation he has been very successful. His marriage to Miss Jessie Sapp took place on January 30, 1895. They are the parents of two children:

Ward, who is fifteen years of age, lives at home.

Aldine, died in infancy, in 1907.

In political views, Mr. Corbin is Democratic, and he has served as township trustee at two different times. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and favors the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Corbin is a daughter of James H. Sapp, whose review follows.

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### JAMES H. SAPP.

Among the resident farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, who served their country in the Civil war, are numbered James H. Sapp, residing in Monroe township, not far from New Richmond. The farm which Mr. Sapp now owns and operates has been the property of some member of the Sapp family since it was obtained from the government. On September 27, 1843, James Sapp was born, he being a son of Abel and Sarah (Hodge) Sapp.

Abel Sapp, a native of Clermont county, was born about 1812, and lived to the good old age of seventy-two years. He was born on this same farm in Monroe township, and followed farming as his life work. Abel Sapp was a son of





Edward and Elizabeth (Seaton) Sapp, the former of whom came to this county from Kentucky, when he was a young man. He passed away in 1843, of cholera.

Sarah (Hodge) Sapp was born in Clermont county, about 1819, and died in 1886, a daughter of James and (Treece) Hodge, the latter of an old family of Washington township. James Hodge was an old resident of Nicholasville.

James H. Sapp is one of five children, of which one sister died in infancy; the youngest is now living in Pasadena, Cal. He received his education in the schools of the county, and the Parker Academy. In 1863, Mr. Sapp enlisted in Company L, Ohio cavalry, under Captain Gatch. He served until the close of the war, nearly two years, being sergeant when he was discharged, never having been wounded.

After the close of the war, Mr. Sapp returned to his home and has followed general farming since. His marriage to Miss Jane Ann Porter took place in the winter of 1865. Jane Ann Porter is a daughter of William and Asenath (Lane) Porter. The Lanes were of a prominent family, one cousin, Henry Lane, was at one time Governor of Indiana. William Porter, whose aprents were from Scotland, was born in Clermont county soon after the arrival of the family in the county.

Mrs. Sapp has two brothers and two sisters living: Charles, superintendent of the Tenth district schools of Cincinnati; John, a farmer living in Tennessee; Mrs. Henry Maltos, of Washington State; Mrs. H. L. Fridman, a widow living at Clermontville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sapp are the parents of five children:

Edward A., in the oil and gas business in Chautauqua county, Kansas. He is married and has three sons and one daughter.

Hattie, is the wife of Elmer Smith, of Pasadena, Cal.

Mary, a graduate nurse of Seaside Hospital, of Long Beach, Cal.

Jessie, is the wife of Clayton H. Corbin, a cousin of the late Gen. Henry Corbin.

Olive, was in business in Cincinnati, until her decease at twenty-three years of age.

Mr. Sapp is a member of the Frazier Post of Bethel Grand Army of the Republic, and in religious views favors the Methodist church. He is Republican and keeps well informed on all the political subjects of the day, although he has never



accepted any office of the county, believing his family was his first consideration. He has given his business his entire attention with most excellent results. A man conscientious in all his dealings, he has the respect of all his neighbors and friends.

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### GEORGE HAND HILL.

Comparatively few men are spared, with unimpaired faculties, to the advanced age of four score and two years. George H. Hill was one of these and in reviewing his activities as an educator, civil engineer and inventor, considering also his estimable Christian citizenship, it is more than evident that the community in which he lived is most fortunate. That his influence was always for the best is testified to by scores now in middle life, and whom he taught in their younger days.

Mr. Hill was born in Stone Lick township, Clermont county, Ohio, March 5, 1830, and died at Milford, Ohio, May 8, 1912. He was the eldest of the twelve children of Charles and Rebecca (Hand) Hill, and was reared on his father's farm, attending school in the winter months. At the age of seventeen years he attended a private school in Milford, but owing to an outbreak of cholera, this and other schools were closed. Determined to secure an education, he taught for a few terms and ultimately purchased a scholarship in Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and after two years graduated in the scientific course. Mr. Hill then decided to make teaching his life work and very acceptably conducted various schools in the county.

In 1871 he became principal of Milford public school and satisfactorily held the position for six years consecutively. He was the first to prepare a grade for this school and this he did at the request of the board of education. After teaching for twenty-nine years, he was elected to the office of county surveyor. He made surveying and civil engineering his occupation until the time of his death. Mr. Hill was an active member of the Ohio society of civil engineers, and prepared several papers, which were published in full in the society's annual reports.

He was twice married, first on April 10, 1855, to Miss Sarah Thomas, of Radnor, Ohio. To this union were born three children, viz.:





Emma Florence, formerly a teacher at Moore's Hill College, Indiana, and at Morristown Normal Academy, being an exceptionally fine pianist, and is the wife of Theodore F. Brown, who is with the Pere Marquette railroad, and resides at Detroit.

Miss Anna Gertrude, an artist, and the producer of several beautiful oil paintings, residing at home.

George Lewis, who died in infancy.

The mother was called to her heavenly home, March 7, 1873.

On Christmas Day, 1876, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah Eleanor Nichols, nee Applegate, born near Goshen, Clermont county, Ohio, June 24, 1826, and who still resides at the Milford home.

Mrs. Hill is a daughter of Elijah and Nancy (Champion) Applegate, who settled in Goshen township when Cincinnati was but a village. Elijah was a farmer and millwright, owning and operating a mill for many years; also owned a finely improved farm. He died in 1840, aged forty-seven years, while his wife passed away in 1839. Both were born in the month of February, in 1793 and 1795, respectively. Their ten children are as follows: Perrine, Thomas Fletcher, John (the father of Mayor A. B. Applegate, of Milford, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes), Lydia Ann, married Rev. Mr. Barnes, and had two daughters who died in infancy, Eliza Jane, Sarah Eleanor (widow of our subject), Elijah, and Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Anshutz. Mrs. Hill, who is a remarkably well preserved lady, taught for some twenty-two years, in Goshen township, and at Knightstown, Ind., Seminary, and formerly was principal of a girls' school at Versailles, Ind. In the former institution she taught the grammar department, being also first assistant, but her most pronounced success as an instructor was in the primary department.

Mrs. Hill's first husband was Robert H. Nichols, who died in 1872, he being an uncle of the later Judge Perry Nichols, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes. He was a prominent nurseryman, his home being in Laurel, in Monroe township, this county. He was born December 28, 1803, and his first wife, whom he married May 26, 1825, was Miss Mary Simmons, born December 22, 1802, and died March 16, 1863, daughter of James Simmons and an aunt of W. D. Simmons, now living retired at Laurel, and mentioned elsewhere in this work. Robert H. was a son of Nathan and Hannah (Hodgson) Nichols, whose children were:



Phillip, born in 1785.

William, born in 1787.

John, born in 1789.

Elijah, born in 1792.

Abner, born in 1795.

Esther, born in 1796.

David, born in 1799.

Nathan, born in 1802.

Robert Hodgson and Elizabeth, twins, born in 1803.

Thomas Jefferson, born in 1806.

Jonathan B., born in 1809.

The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Hill was pleasant and happy, and she and the daughter who reside at the beautiful home in East Milford look forward to a reunion in heaven. Mr. Hill was converted in his youth, and in 1847 united with the Methodist Episcopal church, Mount Zion charge, Milford circuit. He was a useful and faithful member to the day of his death, being at that time steward and trustee and having occupied the positions of chorister and recording steward. He was a most exemplary Christian and a lifelong abstainer from the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors. During the last eight months of his life he was confined to the house, his suffering at all times being severe, but he was patient with all. After having exceeded by over ten years the psalmist's allotted time of life, his fertile brain had perfected an automobile having a dozen or more advantages presented in a model which he constructed and in working drawings which he forwarded to the United States Patent Office. Truly his beautiful, active and useful life is worthy of emulation by all youthful aspirants for success and his memory will ever be held dear by all whose pleasure it was to enjoy association with this noble character.

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#### PRATHER FAMILY.

The Prathers came from Sheffield, England. Such is the family tradition. They were settled in Western Maryland, however, not long after 1700. The last sale of lands conducted by Lord Baltimore, Proprietor of Maryland, was made at the home of Col. Thomas Prather, in Frederick county, Maryland, November 9, 1767. In 1756 "Major Prather" commanded one hundred and fifty men in the Indian wars in West-





ern Maryland. In 1758, "Lieutenant Prather" and two privates of the Maryland troops were killed by the Indians near Fort Duquesne.

James Prather was a lieutenant, and Thomas Prather a colonel of Maryland troops in the Continental Army during the Revolution. They were both from Frederick county, and were active members of various Frederick county committees organized to carry on the war. These and other annals of the family in Maryland are found in "Scharff's History of Maryland," and "Scharff's History of Western Maryland." The Ohio Prathers removed from Frederick county, Maryland, to Fleming county, Kentucky, soon after the Revolution, but crossed to the north bank of the Ohio into Clermont county, about 1790, three brothers, Enos Prather, Erasmus Prather and John Garrett Prather, originally locating in Clermont county; but Enos Prather removed to Piketon, in the Scioto Valley, not far from Chillicothe, about the year 1797, where some of his descendants still reside.

John Garrett Prather built what was afterwards known as the "Chilo House," on the banks of the river at the upper end of Chilo, about 1802, and also subdivided an addition to the village. His first wife was a Phillips, whom he married in Maryland, and who bore him two children, but died shortly after they settled in Ohio. He afterwards married Mary Ann Fee, a widow, whose maiden name was Sargent, and whose brother, James Sargent, was a member of the first Constitutional convention of Ohio. By his second wife, John Garrett Prather had eleven children. Through these he has a very numerous line of descendants. To this branch belonged James Prather, the captain of the "Magnolia," and who lost his life when that fine steamboat was destroyed by an explosion about 1870. John O. Prather, James Prather, Samuel Prather, Ignatius Prather, Silas Prather, Joshua Prather, Walter Prather, Wesley Prather, Nelly Ann Wall, Nancy Slye, Susannah Owens, Amelia Tucker, and Mary Ann Molen were the children of this original John Garrett Prather. Nelly Ann Wall was the grandmother of James Wall, now of Batavia, and also of William Walker Smith, now in the diplomatic service and stationed at Constantinople. Griffith Prather, long a leading business man of St. Louis, Mo., and for eight years Democratic National committeeman for the State of Missouri, was a grandson of this original John Garrett Prather; his father being Wesley Prather, who was also the father of Edward G. Prather, late of





Chilo, Ohio, and grandfather of Miss Leona Prather, now of Cincinnati. Mary Ann Molen was the wife of Capt. Grafton Molen, a prominent steamboat captain of the early days.

Erasmus Prather, brother of the original John Garrett Prather, settled on the hill about half way between Chilo and Felicity. His wife was Elizabeth McKibben, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Their children were Joseph Prather, Samuel Garrett Prather, Erasmus Prather, Nancy, Susannah and Louie A. Prather, Elizabeth Slye (wife of Esquire John Slye, of Lindale), Sarah Wedding and Mary Lanham. Of these, Joseph Prather married Sarah McKinney, September 16, 1824, and to them were born Erasmus Jackson Prather, Joseph S. Prather, Wesley Washington Prather, John Garrett Prather (the second), Enos D. Prather, Ellen Goslin, wife of Peter Goslin, Mary Goslin, wife of James J. Goslin, and Caroline Wedding, wife of William Wedding. The McKinneys are of Scotch descent.

This second John Garrett Prather, son of Joseph and Sarah McKinney Prather, was born in 1833, and resided all his life in and about Chilo, Clermont county, Ohio, where he died in 1891. His first wife was Susannah Muir, who died in 1856. His second wife was Eliza J. Shinkle, and the third Emily Dillon. By his first wife he had a son, John Séuvetus Prather, who was killed at New Orleans in 1896. His second wife, Eliza J. Shinkle Prather, bore him three daughters and one son, Mrs. Florence Richey of Felicity, Mrs. Mattie Terry of Covington, Ky., Mrs. Jennie Riley of Independence, Ky., and William Walter Prather, the attorney of Cincinnati. William Walter Prather graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science at the Northern Indiana Normal School in 1881, and received the degree of Bachelor of Law at the Cincinnati Law College in 1884. He was elected probate judge of Clermont county on the Republican ticket in 1884, at the age of twenty-six. He declined a second nomination, and has since been in active and successful practice of the law in Clermont and Hamilton counties. His offices are in Cincinnati, where he now resides. William Walter Prather married Margaret Cornelia Bicking, a daughter of Joseph Bicking, of Batavia, formerly county treasurer. Their daughter, Florence Prather, graduated from Vassar College in 1908.

The Clermont Shinkles are descended from John Karl Schinkel, who emigrated from Edenkoben on the Rhine, and came over on the "Snow Ketty" in 1737.



The Bickings came from Pennsylvania, where they were paper makers at Downingtown, near Philadelphia during the Revolution, and where a cousin, Samuel P. Bicking & Brothers, still operate several paper mills.

By his third wife, Emily Dillon, John Garrett Prather the second, had three children, Zelia, now deceased; Joseph D., now living in Evansville, Ind., and Homer, residing in Los Angeles, Cal.

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### THE RICKER FAMILY.

The Ricker family is of pure English extraction, tracing its lineage through the celebrated Wentworth family to Rynold (Reginald) de Wynterwade, a baron of great wealth, renown, and power, who lived at the height of his greatness in the year 1066, the time of the Norman invasion.

After twenty-eight generations, we find Elder William Wentworth, the first of the name in America, 1639. Mary Wentworth, fourth generation from Elder William Wentworth, married Jabez Ricker, and they had ten children, of whom Samuel Ricker married, 1790, Susanna, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Jewett. They were the first of the family to settle in Clermont county, Ohio. To them were born, Rufus, who laid out the city of Davenport, Iowa, where he was a judge for ten years; Jabez, who taught the first school in Union school house, in Monroe township; Benjamin Jewett; Samuel; Susanna, who married John Fitzpatrick; Eben, who married Harriet Pompelly.

Benjamin Jewett Ricker, born at Poland, Maine, was married November 24, 1816, in Campbell county, Kentucky, to Mary Reed Wilson, born in Durham, Maine, February 12, 1800. He died in October, 1861, and she died in December, 1859. Their children were: Elbridge Gerry Ricker, born in Clermont county, Ohio, July 31, 1818; Susan, born in Rush county, Indiana, in 1821, and married Joseph R. Foster; Adaline, born in Rush county, Indiana, 1824, married Benjamin Frazee; Mary Ann, born in Rush county, Indiana, married Jacob Clark, and William Wilson Ricker, the youngest child, born in Clermont county, Ohio, married Mary Doane.

Elbridge Gerry Ricker was liberally educated in the best schools in Southern Ohio. He made farming his profession, and became one of the most noted agriculturists in the State.





He was a very well known and active politician, being a warm advocate of the rights of the negro slave, and helping to found the Republican party in Ohio, in 1854-55. In 1855, he was elected a member of the legislature of Ohio, and in 1858, left his farm at Locust Corner, Ohio, to become a member of the board of directors and professor of agriculture of the Farmers' College, of College Hill, Ohio, where he successfully operated the experimental farm until the beginning of the War of the Rebellion. In the war, he was major of the Fifth Ohio cavalry, and won a glorious name by his gallant conduct. He was elected treasurer of Clermont county in 1863, and served efficiently for a period of two years. On December 13, 1836, he was united in marriage to Margaret Foster, daughter of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah (Holly) Foster, and a granddaughter of Thomas Foster, who was a son of Nancy Trigg, she being a daughter of Col. William and Jane (Smith) Trigg, the former of whom was a son of Abraham and Dosia (Johnson) Trigg. Abraham Trigg came from Cornwall, England, in 1725, to Spottsylvania county, Virginia.

Leonard Raper, the maternal grandfather of Margaret (Foster) Ricker, received his education at Oxford College, England, and came to America with Lord Cornwallis, acting as the latter's secretary until the surrender of Yorktown, after which he became loyal to the States government and was appointed surveyor of the Second district of Ohio. He first lived at the old block house, but later moved to Williamsburg.

To the union of Elbridge Gerry and Margaret (Foster) Ricker were born seven children:

Benjamin Jewett, who was born September 14, 1840, and was major of the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteers. Following the close of the war, he studied law, and was admitted to the Clermont county bar. He died at the home of his brother, Dr. J. T. Ricker, at Glen Rose, Ohio, September, 1907.

Rosella A., who was born April 1, 1842, married Dr. Edwin Freeman, a prominent surgeon of Cincinnati, who rendered gallant service to his country as a member of the Ninth army corps, and who afterward filled the chair of professor of surgery at the Eclectic Medical College. They had two sons and one daughter: Foster Freeman, unmarried; Dr. E. R. Freeman, who became professor of dermatology in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, and was a member of the staff of the Seaton Hospital, dying unmarried in 1912, and Rosella Margaret Freeman, married Alan Ross Raff, and to them have been born one child, Rosella.



Thomas Foster, lost his life as a result of a wound received while serving his country during the Civil war. He died unmarried, 1874.

Maria, who was born July 24, 1845, died July 8, 1872, unmarried.

Edward, born October 8, 1846, died unmarried.

Joseph Trimble, born May 18, 1848.

Sarah Foster, born November 22, 1855, was educated at the Wesleyan Female College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and married William T. Simpson, of College Hill, Ohio, who is vice-president of the American Rolling Mills Company, of Middleton, Ohio, and to them was born one child, Robert, who died in early childhood.

There is perhaps no family in Clermont county who has more intimate knowledge of the history of the county, its advantages, improvements and advancement than the members of the Ricker family, who for many years have witnessed its growth and through long years have taken an active part in the progress that conserves commercial development and general prosperity of the community.

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### PERCY FRENCH JAMIESON.

Percy F. Jamieson, president of the First National Bank of Batavia, Ohio, and one of the progressive and successful business men of Clermont county, was born at Batavia, Ohio, July 24, 1868, son of Milton Jamieson, extended mention of whom appears on other pages of these volumes.

Mr. Jamieson, of this review, graduated from the Batavia public schools in 1887, then attended the University at Wooster, Ohio, joining the "Phi Gamma Delta" college fraternity, of which he is still a member. Soon after leaving college Mr. Jamieson accepted the position of secretary of Jones Brothers' Electric Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, resigning within a year to become assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Batavia. He served the bank in this capacity until 1907, when he was elected cashier, and since January, 1912, has been the institution's efficient president. He assisted in the organization of the Batavia Improvement Company, and has served as its president to the present time. In 1903 he formed a partnership with A. V. Carroll, of Williamsburg, Ohio, for the manufacture of machine tools, and one year later organ-





ized the business into a stock company under the corporate name of the Carroll-Jamieson Machine Tool Company, serving since then as secretary and treasurer. The business has been very successful, the company owns its plant and ships machinery to all parts of the United States and is building up a foreign trade. In 1906, Mr. Jamieson started what is known as the Batavia Foundry Company as a partnership with James A. Norman, whose interest he purchased the same year; the plant was completely destroyed by fire, in February, 1912, but he rebuilt at once a much better building and the foundry is now doing a good business. He is a director and a vice-president of "American Liability Insurance Company," of Cincinnati, Ohio, besides other business interests.

While never in any sense a politician, Mr. Jamieson has served on the Batavia council, was president of the board of public affairs for six years and is at present a member of the school board. He has ever taken an active interest and part in enterprises for the upbuilding of his home town. He was the organizer, in 1892, of the Batavia orchestra and is still leader.

September 26, 1894, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Jamieson and Miss Elizabeth Griffith, daughter of Thomas A. and Anna M. Griffith, of Batavia, Ohio. To this union have been born the following children: Donald G., born November 6, 1895; Katherine, born February 12, 1897; Robert B., born May 4, 1900; Elizabeth, born May 26, 1903; Mary Virginia, born September 19, 1905; and John G., born June 3, 1911.

Mr. Jamieson is a member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, including the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. Both he and Mrs. Jamieson are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia, in which he is an acting elder, being also superintendent of the Sunday school.

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### JAMES B. HOLMAN.

Mr. James B. Holman, an enterprising, energetic and prosperous farmer of Brown county, Ohio, is successfully engaged in the pursuits of agriculture on his well improved and productive farm of two hundred and two acres in Sterling township, two and one-half miles from Williamsburg. He also gives considerable attention to stock raising in connection with his general farming. Mr. Holman is a native of Brown







JAMES B. HOLMAN

LUELLA (BRETON) HOLMAN

and their grandson,  
MALCOLM C. HOLMAN



county, his birth having occurred April 23, 1847, his parents being James and Sarah (Bosier) Holman.

Mr. James Holman was born near Trenton, N. J., in 1797, and grew to young manhood in his native State. In the year of 1819 or 1820, James Holman and his brother, Francis, were influenced to come to Williamsburg, Ohio, by an uncle, James Perrine, Sr., who had left New Jersey in 1803 and settled on the Hawkin's Survey on the road from Williamsburg to Bethel. One of his sons, James Perrine, Jr., married Polly Kain, a daughter of James Kain, the first of all to settle in the East Fork Valley. A daughter of theirs married John Jamieson, and they were the ancestors of the Milton Jamieson family, of Batavia, Ohio, whose sketch appears elsewhere on these pages.

James Holman traveled on foot from New Jersey to Ohio, and his possessions at the time of his arrival in Williamsburg was the sum of three cents. He at once engaged as stage driver from Williamsburg to Chillicothe, and was thus occupied for several years. He followed other occupations as well and finally determined to become a farmer and stock raiser. As soon as he had saved sufficient money necessary to make the trip, Mr. Holman returned to New Jersey for his mother and father, the latter of whom was Joseph Holman. He secured a one-horse conveyance for their journey and he walked the entire distance to Brown county, where he established them in comfortable surroundings. The first land he was able to purchase, he deeded to his mother and thus enabled his parents to spend their declining years in comfortable enjoyment. He finally secured a fine farm of five hundred acres in Brown county and met with the success which he so well deserved. He operated a wood-working factory on his farm and hauled its products to Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. James Holman was one of and the eldest of five children, the others being: Frank, who died in Brown county, and Anna, who married James Kain, of Williamsburg. The others remained in New Jersey. James Holman was one of the self-made men of his locality and owed his prosperity to his own energy and determination. He died on the farm he had opened to civilization, June 15, 1875, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years. He was a strong pioneer, and the influence of his industrious life will ever live in the hearts of his descendants. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

Sarah (Bosier) Holman was born in New Jersey and departed this life in 1855, aged about forty years. To the union





of James and Sarah (Bosier) Holman were born five children, of whom James B., our subject, is the eldest. The others follow: Mary Ellen, died in infancy; H. P., of near Creston, Iowa, is a farmer and stockman; William, resides with James B., and Sarah, who died in infancy.

James B. Holman was reared and has resided for the most of his life thus far, in Sterling township. During his boyhood and youth he attended the common schools of Brown county, and after his education was completed, in 1866, entered upon the profession of a teacher, which he followed for a period of eight years, teaching six months in each year. For two years following this time, Mr. Holman was in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, as traveling salesman. Tiring of this occupation, he returned to his native county and receiving a portion of his father's farm, he became engaged as a farmer and as the years have passed he has added to until he has his present holdings. This farm has been his residence since the latter part of 1873, and having been trained along the lines of practical farming as he grew to manhood on the parental farm, he has displayed excellent business ability and executive force in the management of his extensive agricultural interests.

When he had reached mature years, Mr. James B. Holman chose for the companion of his future years, Miss Sarah Louella Ireton, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, April 17, 1856, a daughter of John and Sarah (Brasier) Ireton.

John Ireton was born in New Jersey and was brought to Clermont county when an infant by his parents, Obediah and Mary Ireton, the latter a step-mother. They located two and one-half miles northeast of Williamsburg, where Mr. Ireton engaged successfully in farming. He passed from this life in 1890, in the eighty-fifth year of his life. His wife, Sarah (Brasier) Ireton, was born near Lebanon, Ohio, and departed this life in 1897, aged seventy-nine years. She was an earnest member of the Methodist church for many years, but in later life she became a member of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of the following named children: Samuel, Aleck, John, Obe, Mary (Holman), and Hattie (Johnson). Those who are deceased are: Lorenzo, a miner, was killed by a snow-slide in the West; Nancy and Deborah died in early childhood.

Into the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Holman have come two children to brighten and gladden the home, namely:



James M., born April 3, 1874, is in the Quartermaster's Department of the Lakes, stationed at Chicago. He married Mary Clarke, and they have two children, Malcolm C. and Virginia E. James M. Holman graduated from the Williamsburg High School, after which he took a three-years course at the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio. He then entered the law office of Ingersoll & Peyton, of Knoxville, Tenn., and later became stenographer for Colonel Lee, at Chickamauga, during the Spanish-American war. Since the close of the war, he has had charge of the supplies in the quartermaster's department.

Charles E., born in 1876, died at the age of two years and four months.

Mr. Holman has filled many responsible positions of public trust during his long and useful active life. In the fall of 1894, he was elected county commissioner of Brown county and served six years, from September, 1895. In 1894, Governor McKinley appointed him delegate to the Farmer's Congress, held in North Carolina. In 1912 he was appointed by Governor Harman as a delegate to New Orleans, but did not attend. He has also served in the various minor local offices.

Mr. Holman was one of the organizers of the Williamsburg Home Telephone Company, in 1898, and has been the business manager of that company since its organization.

Socially, Mr. Holman has membership in the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is also past master.

Mr. Holman is a member of the Presbyterian church and believes in Christianity without creed, recognizing that the true spirit of religion is in Biblical teaching and not by its interpretation by men.

Mr. James B. Holman is well known in the community where he has spent so many years, because of his charitable and kindly deeds. His thoughtful spirit, genial disposition and honorable principles have greatly endeared him to those with whom he has been associated.

In 1901, Mr. Holman was nominated on the Democratic ticket for member of the State Board of Public Works. He helped organize the first farmer's institute in Southern Ohio, and has taken an active interest in farmers' affairs, being now president of the Williamsburg Farmer's Institute; he has addressed many institutes and is a recognized authority on





matters along this line. He has for the past forty years been recognized as among the foremost of live stock auctioneers, having cried sales far and wide in Clermont and Brown counties.

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### GEORGE G. BAMBACH.

While George G. Bambach is not a native of Clermont county, having accepted the cashiership of the First National Bank of Bethel in 1904, he was born and reared in the neighboring county, the son of one of the most prominent Brown county families, who, by their progressiveness and enterprise, have made a substantial impress upon the counties in which they have lived.

George G. Bambach was born December 9, 1865, near Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, the son of Judge G. and Margaret (Hanstein) Bambach. The father was born in Germany in 1840, and at the age of nine years came with his parents to America, settling in Levanna, Brown county, Ohio. The mother was also born in Germany, coming to this country at the age of fourteen years. Judge Bambach's sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

George G. Bambach received his early education in, and was graduated from, the Ripley High School. In 1887 he was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, and practiced law in Brown and Montgomery counties until 1903. At that time he decided to take up a business career rather than a professional one, and for one and one-half years was cashier of the Ripley National Bank, and in 1904 removed to Bethel, where he was tendered the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Bethel, which position he still holds.

In 1894, Mr. Bambach was united in marriage to Miss Lina Ruckhaber, of Dayton, Ohio, born in Cincinnati, in 1865, daughter of Karl and Adelheide (Heinebach) Ruckhaber, both born in Germany, locating in Ohio at an early date and passing to another world years ago, leaving four children, three of whom are now living:

Julia, wife of W. H. Kimmel, lives in Dayton, Ohio.

Clara, widow of J. B. Heiss, of Dayton, Ohio.

Lina, wife of the subject of this sketch.

To George G. Bambach and wife four children have been born:





Clara A., born in Ripley, Ohio, in 1895.

Margaret A., born in Ripley in 1898.

Josephine Julia, born in Ripley in 1900.

Karl G., born in Bethel in 1908.

Mr. Bambach has never been an active politician, but casts his vote with the Republican party, and when living in Ripley was honored by his fellow townsmen by being elected mayor of that city. He also holds membership with the fraternal order of Odd Fellows.

When the call came for our citizens to respond to the call for the defense of our Nation in the time of war, George Bambach was not found wanting, but served as a captain in Company H, Third Ohio volunteer infantry, in the Spanish-American war; also has served eight years in the National Guard, and six months in the United States volunteer service in the Third Ohio volunteers. His father and also an uncle of Mr. Bambach's, George Hanstein, served their country during the Civil war.

Mr. Bambach is a very courteous, intellectual man, of a modest retiring nature, which he certainly inherits from his father, one who does not push himself forward to positions of honor, but who can always be depended upon in times of need, and who is progressive in all ways of good for his community or his family. While he has lived in Clermont county only eight years, he has made his name stand for all that is good in business and social life.

He comes from the best type of German families, whose sturdy, enterprising stock has been one of the greatest factors in the upbuilding of our Nation, and his pretty home on Main street is one of the most popular in the city of Bethel.

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### W. E. THOMPSON, M. D.

Worldly goods and an influential position have been won by this gentleman, who is a native-born son of Clermont county, Ohio. Dr. W. E. Thompson, who has achieved not a little distinction by his skill as physician and surgeon, was born in Bethel, in July, 1835, the oldest of the six children of Dr. William and Sarah (Hill) Thompson. The father, Dr. William Thompson, was born in Danville, Ky., in 1796, and died in 1840, his burial being in Bethel. The mother, Sarah Hill,



was born in Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, in 1797, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years, her death occurring in 1891 at Bethel. The father settled in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1808, where he was known as one of the leading physicians until his death. Only three of the six children of Dr. and Mrs. William Thompson are now living:

Dr. W. E., the subject of this sketch.

D. W., also a physician, living in Sardinia, Ohio.

Sarah R., widow of Oran V. Sargent, of Windsor, Ill.

Dr. W. E. Thompson received his early education in Bethel and later attended the Cincinnati Medical College, where he fitted himself for the active practice of medicine, and in 1860 he first opened up an office in Bethel, on Plane street, where for fifty-two years he has lived and worked and built up for himself the enviable reputation of the foremost physician and surgeon of his city.

In 1841, on the 5th day of June, Dr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Elrod, also a native of Clermont county, her parents being Thomas and Cynthia (Frazee) Elrod, of Tate township, near Bethel. Mr. and Mrs. Elrod were both natives of Kentucky, and were the parents of nine children, but parents and all the children, with the exception of Mrs. Thompson, have all passed away.

Dr. and Mrs. Thompson have one son and one daughter:

William A., a graduate in denistry, but now farming in Tate township, who married Susan Armour.

Winifred, wife of Charles F. Davis, a hardware merchant in Bethel, has one daughter, Bertha.

One fact of especial interest in chronicling the history of the Thompson family is that in the immediate family there have been thirteen practicing physicians, four paternal uncles of the subject of this sketch, one brother and ten cousins.

Dr. W. E. Thompson has taken an active part in the progress of his community, and has given plentifully of his time and talent to further the interests of all organizations for good. He has been a member of both the school and town boards, and has served the government as medical examiner for pensions. He and his family have taken great interest in the fraternal organizations of the city, he being affiliated in both the Masonic and Odd Fellow orders, and is past grand of the latter order. Both Mrs. Thompson and her daughter have been honored as noble grand of the Daughters of Rebecca, of Bethel, and the daughter is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Pythian Sisters.





Dr. Thompson is interested in the politics of his time, but has had no aspirations for public office, but casts his vote with the Republican party. Dr. Thompson had nine cousins in the Civil war, part in the Union army, Colonel Reed, Capt. William Thompson, and Capt. James Hill, and part in the Confederate, among whom was Colonel Thompson. Edward Elrod, a brother of Mrs. Thompson, served during the entire war from Ohio.

erate, those gaining the greatest honors being General Reed and Colonel Thompson, of the Confederate, and Captain Thompson of the Union forces. Edward Elrod, a brother of Mrs. Thompson, served during the entire war from Ohio.

Dr. Thompson is the oldest physician in Bethel, not only in the years he has lived, but also in the number of years he has practiced his profession, and in his fifty-two years of residence on Plane street, he has seen the town grow from its pioneer and infancy days to its present prosperous and pleasant condition. The family is one of the most highly honored of the community, and their interest in the fraternal and social life has done much to make Bethel a pleasant city in which to live. Mrs. Thompson is affiliated with the Baptist church of Bethel, and is greatly interested in the prosperity of that organization. Dr. Thompson is one of the substantial men of Bethel, and by his droll and pleasant disposition has won the friendship and respect of all who have been fortunate enough to call him friend.

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### WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS.

Mr. William A. Williams, cashier of the Amelia State Bank, of Amelia, Ohio, since January 10, 1910, though not long a resident of Clermont county, is numbered among the foremost of the younger successful business men. He is a Kentuckian by birth, having been born in Germantown, Bracken county, on the 9th of September, 1884. His parents are Anderson and Lucy (Boyd) Williams, both representatives of old Kentucky families.

Mr. Anderson Williams was born in Germantown, Ky., December 6, 1846, and after an active and useful life, is now living in retirement in the town of his birth, enjoying the fruits and comforts of a well spent life. He was a successful tobacco merchant in the years of his activity, and his reliability and



integrity won for him a measure of this world's goods and the high regard of his fellow townsmen.

Lucy (Boyd) Williams was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, and to her union with Anderson Williams were born seven children:

Eva, died at the age of five years.

John E. W., is a resident of Walton, Ky.

Benjamin B., is a resident of Germantown, Ky.

Lena W., married Joe Arnold, and now lives in Newport, Ky.

Mary A., wife of Madison Worthington, resides in Brooksville, Ky.

Neppie D., is the wife of Walter Pollock, of Germantown, Ky.

William A., is our subject.

William A. Williams was afforded the advantages of the schools of Germantown, graduating from the high school in 1901, after which he became a student of the Georgetown College and graduating from this institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the class of 1906. For a period of two years following his graduation from Georgetown, he was engaged as a teacher in the high school of Germantown. At the expiration of this time, he entered upon the banking business in his native town, and for one year continued there. Since that time he has been in his present responsible position.

The great event in the life of Mr. W. A. Williams occurred on October 17, 1908, when he became united in marriage to Miss Bessie Keene, who was born in Germantown, Ky., July 27, 1890, a daughter of Leslie and Lucy (Woodward) Keene, the latter of whom was born in 1868 and died when Mrs. Williams was a small child. To this union were born two children:

Bessie L., who is Mrs. W. A. Williams.

Lucy Alma, the wife of Clarence Galbraith, of Germantown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Williams was born one child, Donald Keene Williams, whose birth occurred January 11, 1913.

Leslie Keene was born in Augusta, Ky., in 1868, and has been a resident of Augusta and Germantown. He is a farmer and has met with success in this occupation. He married a second time, to Miss Ida Ormes, and to them have been born one child, Thelma.

Mr. Williams has voted for men and measures of the Demo-



cratic party since he reached his majority, advocating all progressive issues. He does not care for official life as he prefers to devote his time and energies to his business.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Williams are with the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of America, and of the last named order he has filled the office of clerk. He is well and favorably known in these organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are consistent members of the Methodist church, and he is a member of the official board of the church and is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is active in all that is beneficial to those around him, giving liberally to the support of all worthy charities.

Mr. Williams has a splendid future before him and he is exceptionally well qualified for the position he holds. His pleasing, courteous manner together with his genuine worth and his fidelity to honorable principles have won for him the respect of all with whom he is associated and the warm friendship of many.

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#### AARON B. CLEVELAND.

In the prosperity of every community may be traced the controlling influence of a limited number of its citizens, who, by reason of peculiar business qualifications, and high personal characteristics, become unmistakably identified with its public and private life. Amelia has had such citizens and perhaps few are better known than the late Aaron B. Cleveland.

The birth of Mr. Cleveland took place in Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, February 28, 1825, and was a son of Jeremiah C. and Elizabeth (Robinson) Cleveland. The father was born in New York State and came to Clermont county at a very early date, settling in Batavia township, where he died at the age of thirty-three years. The mother was born in Martinsburg, Bartly county, Virginia, July 10, 1798, and died April 23, 1865. They were the parents of three children:

Frank Cleveland, of Augusta, Ky.

Asenath, the wife of Wesley Apple, who spent her entire life at Olive Branch, where she passed away.

Aaron, the subject of this mention.

The details which have reached us concerning the boyhood and early youth of Mr. Cleveland indicate that he was favored with good educational advantages, and that he was reared in





a home where frugality was encouraged and moral virtues extolled. After his preliminary education was completed, he learned the carpenter's trade with his uncle, John Robinson, who was a carpenter and cabinet maker.

Mr. Cleveland was engaged in the mercantile business, at Amelia, for a period before the Civil war. For a time before and during the war, he had a contract to carry mail from Williamsburg to Cincinnati, and from Cincinnati to Bethel. On one trip, Mr. Cleveland was overtaken by the Morgan Raiders, who took his horses from his bus, together with about everything he had with him. He was employed for four years as a gauger in the United States government service in Cincinnati, although he continued to live in Amelia. Believing that a varied occupation in life is a liberal education, and being of an industrious and enterprising disposition, Mr. Cleveland engaged in numerous enterprises, which included a chair factory and a fruit evaporating business. He followed his trade of carpentering and building at various periods and contracted for the building of many of the homes and business houses in and around the thriving village of Amelia.

Mr. Cleveland was twice married, the first union being with Clara B. Pease, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, February 4, 1828, and died November 29, 1861, and to them were born six children:

Semarimis, who became the wife of Frank Rodarmor, of Ironton, Ohio.

Josephine, the wife of John L. Cochnower, of the noted Cochnower family, of Cincinnati.

Laura, who married Lewis Baldwin, a son of the present Mrs. Cleveland, by a former marriage. They resided at St. Louis for a time, where Mr. Baldwin passed away. She married a second time to Wilbur F. Dial, who was reared in Clermont county. He has been deceased for six years, and she now lives at the old Cleveland home in Pierce township.

Alice Eloise, became the wife of James Young, of St. Louis, and passed away some years since.

On January 30, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. Aaron Cleveland to Mrs. Sarah Jane (Van Pelt) Baldwin, who was the widow of John A. Baldwin, of Cincinnati. She was born October 16, 1824, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Van Pelt.

Mr. Cleveland was a Republican in politics, although he very naturally voted for his cousin, Grover Cleveland, in his



campaign for President. He was a man well known in the county, where he spent his entire life from the cradle to the grave, and his whole life was an open book to the people of his community, who respected and honored him for his sterling qualities. He was broad and liberal in all his views, always having the interest of the village at heart. He passed to his eternal reward on June 26, 1908, and is buried in the Amelia Methodist cemetery.

Mrs. Cleveland was always very fond of her step-children, who in return gave to her the greatest of affection. In this way she was indeed a great help-meet for her husband. She is now eighty-eight years of age, and is the wonder of the entire community, because of her great activity. She does a great deal of all kinds of needle work, and is a splendid conversationalist. Her home is one of great beauty and refinement, and reflects the characteristics of the owner.

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### THE ROUDEBUSH FAMILY.

The history of Clermont county will not be complete without the mention of the Roudebush family, who have figured so prominently in every social, moral, financial and educational movement for the general uplift of the people.

The Roudebushes are a race of teachers and farmers and of Dutch descent. In 1660 two brothers and a sister from near the German border in Holland, came to the island of Manhattan, now New York. From there one brother migrated to Frederick county, Maryland. Daniel Roudebush, Sr., the only one of the four brothers who settled in Ohio, was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1749. In 1774 he married Christina Snively, born in 1759, a niece of Dr. Snively, a noted physician of southern Pennsylvania. By this union there were five sons and one daughter, all of whom were born in Maryland, except John, who was born at Bryan's Station, Kentucky. In 1796 Daniel Roudebush, Sr., wife and children, David, Jacob, George, Daniel and Catherine, migrated to Bryan's Station, and in 1799 to Clermont county Ohio, locating near what is now the town of Goshen, on a farm of 500 acres in Stark's Survey. He died October 3, 1804, from the effects of exposure when lost in the woods the previous November. His wife died June 10, 1833. All of his children died in Clermont county except George, who went to Indiana in 1838, and there gave to what is Goshen its name. He died February 12, 1852.





Jacob, the paternal grandfather of George Milton, W. Franklin and Jacob Lowell, mentioned elsewhere in these pages, was born September 15, 1778. In 1807 he purchased 159 acres of land in Stonelick township of Richard Talaferro, a soldier of the Revolution, who served under George Rodgers Clark in his famous campaign against Vincennes. On the 8th day of April, 1808, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hartman, daughter of Christopher Hartman, a soldier of the Revolution, and Mary (Hutchinson) Hartman, who was born near Hightstown, N. J., then in Middlesex county, now Mercer, on the 22d day of May, 1783. She had brothers, William, Isaac, Samuel; sisters, Rebecca, Fannie, died in infancy, Catherine and Rachel. The children of this union were William, father of William Franklin and George Milton, born February 2, 1809; Daniel, June 21, 1810; Mary Ann, Feb. 11, 1812; Rebecca, Sept. 29, 1813; John, Feb. 9, 1815; Paulina, Sept. 28, 1816; Sarah Jane, May 5, 1818; James M., Nov. 24, 1820; Ambrose, father of Jacob Lowell, April 7, 1823, and Francis J., July 5, 1826; all of whom are now deceased. William married Elizabeth C. Clark; Daniel, Elizabeth Rapp; Mary Ann, Michael Cowen; Rebecca, John Rapp; Paulina, James Rapp; James M., Paulina Midaris; Ambrose, Sarah Ellen Patchell, and Francis J., Sarah J. Hill. John, the scholar and scientist, and Sarah Jane, died unmarried. Jacob Roudebush died May 25, 1835. He was a man of high character, the best farmer of his community, and a great friend of education. Elizabeth (Hartman) Roudebush died July 5, 1869. She was a woman of great intellectuality, with a religious trend of mind. Left a widow with ten children, she lived to rear them all to man and womanhood and left the impress such as a saintly mother of her Christian talents might be expected to do. It must not be understood that only those Roudebushes of whom special mention has been made on these pages were the prominent members of the family. Others not specifically mentioned have added to its fair name. George S., a son of Daniel Roudebush, now living at the age of eighty-five, is a noted educator and Presbyterian divine of the Southland, where he went in 1856 from Clermont county. His daughter, Ruth S., was a teacher in the Girls' Industrial School of Mississippi, located at Columbus in that State for twenty-seven years. She has traveled extensively in the Occident and Orient. Of the many others space will not permit special mention.



## COL. WILLIAM ROUDEBUSH.

Col. William Roudebush, son of Jacob Roudebush and father of William Franklin and George Milton, was born February 2, 1809, about two miles northwest of the village of Boston, the second year after the first log cabin was erected on it, and when it was all surrounded by woods. His father had no means of supporting his family only by his labor of clearing away the forest and raising corn and wheat on the land he cleared. He cut his wheat with a sickle and threshed it with a flail and blew out the chaff with a sheet by the aid of his wife, who spun, wove and made all the clothing worn by the family from the flax raised on the place and from the sheep kept, which for many years had to be penned up every night on account of the wolves, which were at that time infesting the country.

When about five years of age, William Roudebush was sent to school to a widow lady, who had settled a short distance from his father's home, for there were no school houses in that neighborhood in those days. When he was not in school the boy helped his father in clearing out the brush and the woods. At the age of nine years, several of the settlers, including his father, erected a school house of rough logs, puncheon floor, stick-and-mud chimney, paper windows and benches split out of logs. William Roudebush attended this school for a few weeks in winter, when there was a subscription school of three months, and aided his father on the farm until his sixteenth year, when he became a student of the school of Samuel McClellan, for five months. The next winter he studied "Kirkham's Grammar," walking a distance of three miles to school, and the following season took up geography in addition. The next winter he attended school at Goshen and there studied algebra. At the close of this period, William Roudebush taught school in what is called Rapp's school house, working in summer and fall on the canal lock near Chillicothe as a stone cutter. He taught school in winter and worked on his father's farm in the summer for several years. Later he was deputy assessor and assessed three townships. By this time he had saved some money and in December, 1835, purchased a farm of two hundred and twelve acres on Moore's fork of Stonelick Creek, for eight hundred and fifty dollars, all of which was then in woods.

On December 11, 1849, William Roudebush married Eliza-





beth Clark, a daughter of Orson and Nancy (Corbly) Clark, and to their union were born two sons, William Franklin Roudebush and George Milton Roudebush. Mr. Roudebush died September 20, 1889, and his wife passed from this life November 27, 1894.

During his active life Colonel William Roudebush was prominent in politics and served in various offices of public trust, both in the county and the state. In his two years in the Legislature he took high rank as a debater and his speeches were published all through the Democratic press. He took the keenest interest in educational matters and frequently served on the Board of Education.

The Roudebush family are of heroic ancestry, among the first in this county to blaze the paths to civilization, and the stern integrity, patriotism, charity and pure, unsullied character of its members have never been questioned, and he was one of many others who helped make it so.

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### GEORGE MILTON ROUDEBUSH.

Mr. George Milton Roudebush, one of the most extensive agriculturists, large stock raisers and prominent citizens of Clermont county, Ohio, owns and operates his splendidly improved farm, consisting of one thousand acres of land in Wayne and Stonelick townships. He has given much attention to the breeding of short horn cattle since 1884, and is probably one of the first in this section of the state to make a specialty of this breed of stock. He has been eminently successful and is numbered among the substantial representatives of an old established family.

George Milton Roudebush was born at the home farm one mile north of Newtonville, Clermont county, July 26, 1856, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Clarke) Roudebush, both members of prominent pioneer families of Clermont, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Mr. G. M. Roudebush enjoyed the educational privileges of the common schools of the district in which he lived and grew up well acquainted with the practical duties of a farmer's life. He entered Ohio National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and there took a scientific course, graduating in 1877 with great credit.





The year following his graduation, in 1878, he was elected deputy county treasurer, under his brother, W. F. Roudé-bush, who resides at Batavia, Ohio, and in the years that have passed, he has filled various local offices of trust. For the past twenty years, he has been a member of the Agricultural Society of Clermont county and is a prominent stock breeder and noted judge of stock, not only locally, but in the State and nation as well. He attends the stock exhibits everywhere and has been sent as a delegate to the National Congress of Farmers, attending at New Orleans, Lincoln and Columbus.

Mr. Roudé-bush has made practically all of the fine improvements in the farm where he has made his home since 1881. In September, 1881, he was joined in the bonds of holy wedlock with Miss Rosalinde Patchell.

Mrs. Roudé-bush was born in Butler county, Ohio, December 6, 1858, and is a daughter of James and Belinda (McClelland) Patchell, the former an uncle of Edward Patchell, sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in the volumes. Mrs. Roudé-bush is a graduate of the National Normal of Lebanon, Ohio.

The family of Mr. G. M. Roudé-bush consists of six children, whose names follow:

Earl Patchell—Born March 26, 1883; married June 27, 1903, Bettie Tarvin Lyons, of Dayton, Kentucky, who died December 16, 1912, leaving three children, Elizabeth and Howard, living, and Rosalind, who died in infancy. Earl P. Roudé-bush is an engineer by profession and is occupied as manager of the Newtonville Canning Company. He was formerly with the Bell Telephone Company of Cincinnati.

Clara Elizabeth—Born April 11, 1886, is a graduate of the high school at Batavia, Ohio, and later took a course in classics at the Denison University of Granville, Ohio. Since her graduation she has been employed in the occupation of teaching in the Milford and Batavia schools.

Dale Clark—Born October 22, 1888, and is a farmer, associated with his father in operating the large farm. He married Miss Veda Maham on October 24, 1912.

Ada Belinda—Born September 6, 1891, and is a graduate of the Milford High School and later of Denison University, where she took a course in art. She is at present attending the Eden Park Art School of Cincinnati.

George Milton, Jr.—Born January 25, 1894, is a graduate of the Milford High School and is now a Sophomore at the Denison University.



James Franklin—Born October 15, 1896, is attending the Milford High School.

In politics, Mr. Roudebush is Democratic and is ever active in all affairs of general interest.

Socially, Mr. Roudebush is a member of the Grangers and the son, Earl, is a member of the Odd Fellows.

Religiously, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Roudebush embrace the faith of the Baptist church. He is a member of the Baptist State Convention Board and of the Ohio State Baptist Missionary Society.

Mr. Roudebush is an officer and large stockholder of the First National Bank of Batavia, and also of the Milford National Bank. He is very public spirited and can always be counted on to promote healthy movements which promise real benefit to those around him. He is one of the most popular and valued citizens of Clermont county.

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#### DR. J. D. ABBOTT.

Dr. J. D. Abbott, of Bethel, Ohio, is one of the best known and most successful of local practitioners of Clermont county. He is a man of great force of character, integrity and energy and has established a large practice by reason of his tender sympathy to those in sickness and distress. He has offices in his home on the corner of Union and Plane streets.

Dr. Abbott is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Moscow, February 21, 1845, and is a son of H. N. and Harriet (Smith) Abbott. The father was born at Norwalk, Conn., March 31, 1805, and came to Ohio with his parents in 1811; for many years he conducted a general blacksmith shop at Felicity, Ohio. The mother was born at Twelve Mile, near New Richmond, in Clermont county, May 19, 1808. Of the nine children who were born to this couple, Dr. Abbott is the only one now living.

The education of Dr. Abbott was begun in the schools of Felicity, continued at the Miami College of Medicine and completed in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he graduated in 1875. Immediately following his graduation he began his career as a physician and surgeon, at Bethel, where he has since carried on a general practice. He was associated with Dr. Daniel McLain, formerly of South







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Carolina, until the death of the latter, March 31, 1881. He has distinguished himself in his profession and has an extensive practice.

On September 17, 1877, Dr. Abbott was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Pemberton, who was also a native of Clermont county, her birth having taken place near Bethel, January 1, 1855. Her father, Levi W. Pemberton, is a Clermont county farmer, and was born in 1829. He is still living and is hale and hearty. Mrs. Abbott's mother, Elizabeth (McMurchy) Pemberton, was born near Bethel, Ohio, March 2, 1833, and passed away March 7, 1912. There were five children born to this union, three of whom are now living:

Elizabeth, who is Mrs. J. D. Abbott.

Ellen, who married Lisbon Simcox, of Shelbyville, Ind.

Carrie, who is the wife of Charles Porter, the principal of one of the Cincinnati schools.

Mrs. Abbott's father and several of his brothers were soldiers in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio. They were all staunch Republicans.

Dr. and Mrs. Abbott have been blessed with two children, both born in Clermont county:

Harriet Louise, who is a Latin professor in Antioch College, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, from which she graduated in 1910, taking the chair as soon as she was graduated. She was born April 21, 1880. She is the author of a valuable history of Bethel, Ohio, which was published in the county papers a few years ago. It was greatly enjoyed and is in the possession of many in the county.

Willard Pemberton, who was born March 28, 1886, is a graduate of the State University of Ohio of the class of 1909, and is a civil engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company. He is a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Abbott is a Republican, although he has never been persuaded to accept any office. In fraternal circles, he is well known, being affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Abbott is a member of the Pythian Sisters and also a member of all the church clubs and societies of the Methodist church, in which she and her family hold membership.

Although of very methodical habits, Dr. Abbott is of a most generous and kind disposition and the impress of his character is felt, not only by his family but by all in the community in which he lives. He is ever ready to help those who



are in trouble, endearing himself in the hearts of all with whom he is associated. He is justly proud of his two children, who have both made the most of the opportunities that were given to them, although never boastful of their achievements.

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MAJOR JULIUS A. PENN.  
1818-1882.

Many of the older residents of Clermont county have pleasant recollections of Major Julius A. Penn, for many years an able and highly esteemed member of the Clermont bar. He was an upright and conscientious citizen, a brave and patriotic soldier, a loyal friend, a generous host, and a faithful member of the church. Although not intrusive or aggressive, he possessed unflinching courage and boundless energy, and was known for his noble perseverance, and expressive decision of character.

Major Penn's ancestors came from England and they were among the early settlers of Maryland. His grandfather, Benjamin Penn, was born in 1740, in Frederick county, Maryland. In 1774 Benjamin Penn married Mary Sargent, daughter of James Sargent, who came from Snow Hill, England, in 1745. On August 26, 1776, Benjamin Penn was enrolled as a private for the Revolutionary war, under Henry Ridgely, Jr., by J. Carvil Hall. In 1808, in company with James and Snowden Sargent, John Prather, Mathew Pigman, William Phillips, and others, Benjamin Penn and Mary Sargent Penn came to Clermont county, with their children. Benjamin Penn died August 13, 1834, aged ninety-five years. His three sons were, Joseph, Benjamin, and Elijah Taylor, and his nine daughters married respectively, Richard Tucker, George Richards, William Molen, R. C. Lanham, Benjamin Thrasher, John Richards, Joshua Ridgeley Pigman, Nathaniel Hines, and James Prather.

Elijah Taylor Penn was born in Frederick county, Maryland, December 27, 1792, and came to Ohio with his parents in 1808. On January 12, 1815, he married Philenia Walriven, and they became the parents of eight sons and three daughters: Julius Augustus, subject of this sketch, Benjamin F., Joseph Warren, Samuel Milton, John D., William W., Elijah G., and George W. Anna married John D. Holter, Sarah W. married Judge Thomas Q. Ashburn, and Mary.





Julius A. Penn was born at Neville, Clermont county, Ohio, May 13, 1818, brought up on a farm, and engaged in farming with his father until 1839. He taught school in Felicity, Ohio, and later studied law with Hanson L. Penn, at Georgetown, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1842. Moving to Batavia, Ohio, in 1842, he practiced his profession there until his death, forty years later, June 6, 1882.

At the outbreak of the war with Mexico he volunteered for active service, but was rejected on account of disability. In 1861 Julius A. Penn organized the first military company furnished by Clermont county to assist in suppressing the rebellion, Company E, Twenty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer militia, and as captain of this company, and later as major of the regiment, he saw active service in West Virginia. The original muster roll signed at the first meeting of citizens of Batavia in answer to President Lincoln's call for volunteers, is a treasured possession of Major Penn's family. Three of Major Penn's brother, Benjamin F., Elijah G. and George W., also served as officers in the War of the Rebellion. Politically, Major Penn was a Republican. He cast his first vote for General Harrison for President. He was widely known as a zealous worker in the temperance cause, and in 1873 canvassed Clermont county as a temperance advocate. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Major Penn married, first, Eliza C. Minor, and second, Mary J. Brock, to whom were born two children, Julius Augustus, now of the United States Army, a sketch of whom appears in this work, and Jennie, now residing in the old home in Batavia. All who know Major Penn hold his memory in high regard and respect. He was a worthy representative of the sturdy race of soldiers and pioneers who made homes for themselves and their descendants in what was then the forest wilderness of Clermont county.

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MAJOR JULIUS AUGUSTUS PENN,  
United States Army.

Major Julius A. Penn was born in Mattoon, Coles county, Illinois, February 19, 1865, the son of the late Major Julius A. Penn, of the Twenty-second Ohio volunteers, and Mary Brock Penn. A sketch of the father appears elsewhere in this his-



tory. The mother, Mary Brock Penn, was born in Crawfordsville, Ind., removing with her parents first to Paris, Ill., and in 1834 to Chicago, where she resided until 1850, when she removed to Batavia, Ohio, and continued to reside there until her death, December 11, 1910.

Her father, Thomas Brock, was born in North Carolina, of Scotch parentage, and was of the sterling type of pioneer, settling first in Ohio, later in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. In 1862 he removed overland across the plains to Stockton, California, where he resided until his death, in 1877. Her mother, Nancy Moore Brock, a native of New Jersey, died in 1840. At an early age Mary Brock Penn became a faithful and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her life was devoted to the unselfish care of others, and was truly one of Christian service and corresponding happiness. Her long and useful life so full of good and kindly deeds and her cheerful nature endeared her to all who knew her.

In April, 1865, Julius A. Penn returned with his parents to their home in Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio. He attended the public schools there and graduated in 1881 from the high school, in the first class to be formally graduated from that school. In May, 1882, upon the recommendation of his neighbor and friend, Judge James B. Swing, he was appointed by the Hon. H. L. Morey, member of Congress, a cadet at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y. Passing the entrance examination successfully, in June, 1882, he served as a cadet from July 1, 1882, until he graduated, July 1, 1886, and was appointed a second lieutenant in the Thirteenth infantry, United States Army. His first duties with his regiment were in New Mexico, 1886-1888. Then in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, 1888-1889 and 1891-1892. He took part in several expeditions after runaway Mescalero, Apaches, and Jicarilla Apache Indians in New Mexico; and later in Oklahoma participated in the formal opening of lands for settlement, in 1889, 1891, and 1892.

From 1889 to 1891 he attended the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth, and was valedictorian of his class. His thesis on "Mounted Infantry" was published on the recommendation of the faculty, in the journal of the Military Service Institution. He served on ordnance duty and instruction at Frankfort Arsenal, in Pennsylvania, October 1, 1892, to October 1, 1893.

Promoted to first lieutenant, Second infantry, on July 29,





1893, he joined his company at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, in November, 1893, and in June, 1896, was appointed regimental quartermaster, and in the following year was appointed regimental adjutant. In addition to his regular duties with his regiment, he served as instructor of tactics at the Omaha High School, from March, 1894, to June, 1896.

He served with his regiment on strike duty at Butte, Mont., in 1894, and was chief commissary of the troops in the field, and assistant quartermaster in the Bannock Indian expedition in Wyoming and Idaho, July to November, 1895. He served in Montana in 1896-1898, and in Chickamauga and Tampa in 1898. He was captain and assistant quartermaster of United States volunteers, from May 12 to November 30, 1898; quartermaster of the First division, Seventh Army Corps, quartermaster First Brigade, Provisional division, Fifth Army Corps; and quartermaster division, Third Army Corps, at Tampa, May to July, 1898; quartermaster at Port Tampa, July, 1898. Assistant instructor and senior instructor of infantry tactics, United States Military Academy, October, 1898, to July, 1899. He was promoted to rank of captain and assigned to the Seventh infantry, March 2, 1899. He was major Thirty-fourth United States infantry volunteers, July 5, 1899, to April 17, 1901. Major Penn commanded the first battalion of the United States volunteers, raised in 1899, to arrive in the Philippines, October 11, 1899; took part in General Lawton's northern expedition, in October and November, 1899; was with General McArthur's advance on Dagupan, from Bautista to Dagupan, November, 1899; participated in General Young's expedition in Northern Luzon, in November and December, 1899, rescuing over 2,000 Spanish officers and soldiers, and Lieutenant Gilmore of the United States Navy, and twenty-five Americans from the insurgents. He took part in actions at Tagnadin Mountain, December 4th and 5th; at Bandi, December 8th; at Banna Canon, December 9th; at Gaset, December 16th; and in the rescue of Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore, December 18, 1899.

He was active in events connected with the outbreak in the Province of Illicos Norte, Philippine Islands, in April, 1900. He served as inspector general of the Fifth district, Department of Northern Luzon, September, 1900, to February, 1901. Served on muster out duty in California, April to July, 1901. Served in the Philippines from January to June, 1902. Participated in the Samar, Philippine Islands, campaign in March



of that year. Served as adjutant general of the Sixth separate brigade, Division of the Philippines, in April and May, 1902, and served with his regiment at San Francisco, Cal., from September, 1902, to October, 1903, then in Manila, Philippine Islands, from November, 1903, to November 17, 1904.

He was adjutant of the Seventh infantry, from August, 1903, to August, 1904. Captain and aide-de-camp to Major General H. C. Corbin, November 17, 1904, to April 24, 1906. Lieutenant colonel and military secretary to Lieutenant General H. C. Corbin, April 24, 1906, to September 15, 1906. Inspector small arms practice, Philippine division, January, 1904, to February 1, 1906. Major Penn served in the Philippines until February 1, 1906, and was at headquarters of Northern division at St. Louis, Mo., from March to September, 1906.

He served as captain general staff corps from September 15, 1906; to August 10, 1900, and was assistant instructor Army War College, Washington, D. C., 1906, graduating from this institution with the class of 1907.

He was chief of staff to General T. J. Wint, at base of operations, Newport News, Va., in October, 1906. Was inspector of military schools and colleges, in April and May of 1907, 1908, and 1909. He was promoted to the rank of major and joined the Twelfth infantry, August 10, 1909. He served as acting adjutant general, Department of Luzon, in April and May, 1910, and as acting adjutant general, Fort William McKinley, Philippines, May and June, 1910. He was inspector and instructor of State militia for Nebraska in 1911, and part of 1912, and was assigned as major of the First infantry in 1912. He is now, January, 1913, stationed with his regiment at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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### WILLIAM H. GUYNN.

William H. Guynn, retired nurseryman living at Mt. Carmel, Clermont county, Ohio, by his activity and energy in former years accumulated the capital that now enables him to rest in well earned ease from further labors, and to enjoy life and all its pleasures. He is a representative of one of the oldest of pioneer families in the county.

The grandparents of our subject were Joseph and Margaret (Camery) Guynn, the father of the latter settling in the county





in the very early days, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. Joseph Guynn was a shingle maker by trade, and for six or eight years was assessor of Washington township, Clermont county; also served several years as justice of the peace.

Samuel, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Camery) Guynn, was born in Washington township, Clermont county, October 12, 1819, and resided in the township of his birth until a few years before his death, October 26, 1912, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was a well-to-do farmer of the county and married Miss Elizabeth Dixon, who was born at Big Indian Creek, Washington township, 1820, and died there in June, 1911. They were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. Those living are:

William H., the subject of this review.

Milton, a resident of Ivor, Ky.

Samuel, living on the old home farm.

Elizabeth, is Mrs. Frank Philips, of Ivor, Ky.

William H. Guynn was born at Ray's Run, Washington township, June 10, 1843, and was reared on the farm of his father and pursued his education in the schools of Moscow, graduating from the high school. He engaged in farming for a few months, and in 1863 enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving his country until 1865. He was engaged in the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville, and others.

Returning from the war, Mr. Guynn was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Mottier, who was born at Bex, Switzerland, October 11, 1847, and the youngest of seven children born to Abraham and Julia (Pitchard) Mottier, both of whom were natives of Switzerland, the former was born in 1814, and died in 1891, and the latter was born in 1815 and passed away in 1877. They crossed the Atlantic from the land of their nativity to America in 1850, and settled in Green township, Hamilton county, Ohio. They were farmers and grape raisers, and sold Catawba wine by the wholesale, also took many prizes at the wine shows.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Guynn, they located on the old Irwin farm, northwest of Moscow, where they carried on general farming and fruit raising in connection with the nursery business for twenty years, developing about seventy acres. Mr. and Mrs. Guynn have had one son to bless their union:

Ellis L., who was born in Moscow, Washington township,





Clermont county, Ohio, May 6, 1866. He is a graduate of the same school which his parents attended, and married Alice Musser, a daughter of Jacob Musser and wife, both of whom are deceased. She is the youngest of six children. Ellis Guynn is the father of seven children, all born in Clermont county. They are: Alvah, was born in 1890; Irwin, born in 1892, married Tillie Bushman and they have one daughter, Lenora M., born November 28, 1912; Clarence, born in 1893; Edna, born in 1897; Russell, born in 1900; William, born in 1903, and Thelma, born in 1908.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Guynn had relatives in the Civil war, the former having three uncles, William, Hensen and Thomas Guynn, who enlisted in the Twelfth and Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He also had two cousins, William and Joseph, of the Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry. All of these men have passed away. Favor Mattier and Edward Grenat, cousins of Mrs. Guynn, were on the Sultana when that boat was blown up.

Mr. and Mrs. Guynn are active members of the Christian church, she being secretary of the Christian Endeavor for a number of years. Mr. Guynn is a Republican, and is well posted on all questions of the day. In fraternal matters, he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, Workman, Junior Order American Mechanics, and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Recently Mr. Guynn sold his farm and nursery and now has a pleasant home in Mt. Carmel. He and his estimable wife were schoolmates and have trod the path of life together, she being a genuine helpmate to him in business as well as in the home. He is a genial, broad-minded gentleman, and is active in all worthy enterprises.

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### EDWARD S. RUSH.

Among the citizens of Clermont county who, by their sterling qualities and energetic efforts, have won honor and prosperity in their native locality, is numbered Edward S. Rush, who was born in Batavia, Ohio, June 3, 1868, son of Randolph and Priscilla (Pollard) Rush, both of whom were born and reared in Clermont county. Randolph Rush was born in Monroe township, in 1838, and is now a resident of Cincinnati, and Priscilla Pollard was born in Laurel, Monroe town-



ship, in 1840, and died in 1900. Randolph Rush enlisted and served his term in the One Hundred Day service, in an Ohio regiment, in 1864, and gave honorable service in the cause of the Union. He is a Republican in politics, and served a number of years as marshal of Batavia. He and his wife became the parents of five children, viz.: Turpin D., resides in Georgetown, Ohio; Nannie E., married Augustus Hayes, and they live in Cincinnati; W. P. is a resident of Batavia; Edward S. is the subject of this review; one child died in infancy. All were born in Clermont county.

Edward S. Rush received his education in the public schools of Batavia, and subsequently entered the printing office of the "Clermont County Sun," where he remained three years. In 1885 he joined forces with the "Courier," and this connection has been continued for a period of twenty-seven years. He is an expert typesetter and it is said he is able to perform this work more rapidly than any other man in the county. He is acquainted with the printing business in all its branches, and there is nothing in this line which he has not thoroughly mastered. For the past three years has held the position of editor and manager, for which he is well fitted by natural ability and training.

On January 27, 1898, occurred the marriage of Edward S. Rush and Miss Bertha Elizabeth Holmes, daughter of Hon. E. B. and Catherine (Burke) Holmes, whose sketch appears in this work. She was born August 18, 1872, at Williamsburg, Clermont county, and graduated from Williamsburg High School. The Rush family own a beautiful home on Spring street, where they enjoy an ideal life of peace and harmony.

One child has been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rush, a daughter, Helen Holmes Rush, born at Batavia, November 6, 1903. She is a daughter of whom they are justly proud, and gives promise of beautiful young womanhood. She has won considerable attention for her elocutionary gifts, and participates in many entertainments. At the fiftieth anniversary of the Seventh Ohio cavalry, of which her grandfather, Hon. E. B. Holmes, was a member, and which was held for surviving members of the regiment, September 25, 26 and 27, 1912, at Ripley, Ohio, she was a prominent participant at each session. This celebration lasted three days, and little Miss Rush favored the audience with many select recitations, winning unstinted praise on one particular evening by her rendering of "I Wish I Were a Soldier," and the following day, at the morning ses-





sion, held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, by the unanimous vote of the sixty-seven members of the regiment, she was made the "Daughter of the Regiment," the only little girl to be given this honor, which was very pleasing to herself and her many friends and admirers. Capt. C. D. Mitchell, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was one of the speakers, and who was one of the two men who suggested giving the little girl this token of appreciation for the part she had taken in this celebration, sent Miss Rush the following letter:

"October second, Nineteen twelve.  
"Miss Helen Holmes Rush, Batavia, Ohio.

"My dear Girl:—I want to acknowledge our debt to you for your presence and recitations during our splendid reunion at Ripley. In fact, I don't see how we have gotten along so many years without you. But you are now one of us—'Our Daughter.'

"My little girl, let me say that this is a distinguished honor conferred by the 'Rear Guard' of a noble regiment of fighting men—men who fought for the Right, for Freedom, and for the preservation of our Country. We want you to live worthy such knightly men and their cause, and we are sure you will.

"It may be—most likely will be—that the time will come when you are the sole and only bearer of our colors. May God preserve you and prepare you for your life work, is the wish and hope of  
Very sincerely yours,

"(Signed) C. D. Mitchell.

"P. S. I am sending you by this mail, under separate cover, a little souvenir and keepsake from Chattanooga, that will remind you of my address when you come South."

The souvenir accompanying the letter was a teaspoon. Miss Rush also received a letter from Major D. S. Brown, the other member of the regiment, who requested she be given the title of "Daughter of the Regiment," reading as follows:

"Peoria, Ill., October 14, 1912.

"My dear Helen:—

"Just had a nice long letter from Captain Mitchell, enclosing copy of letter he had sent to you.

"Good! Now, we are started on the good road to your long successful career as 'Reader' and 'Rostrum-Elocutionist.'



"Mitchell and Yours Truly, along with your faithful parents, will hold up your hands—sustain your pride, spirit and ambition.

"In this same mail I send you a souvenir—an exact facsimile of the first saber I ever carried. It may now be christened the 'Sword of Peace,' and your mamma will procure for you a gold lace belt, and then when you recite, wear it as the sure enough 'Daughter of the Regiment.'

"Very best wishes to your parents—and may the Good Father in Heaven keep you for His very own!"

Mr. Rush is a zealous Republican and held the office of township and corporation treasurer for eight years, during which time he handled more money than has ever been handled before in the same period of time. He is a member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows, and the Woodmen. His wife is a member of the Eastern Star and for the past two years has served as worthy matron of the chapter at Batavia. She also belongs to the Order of Rebekah, and has filled all the offices in the lodge, of which she is a member. She also belongs to the Mothers' Club and the Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Rush are consistent members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Rush is what is termed a "self-made man," having reached the prosperity he now enjoys entirely through his own efforts, aided by his faithful wife. His success is the result of faithful and conscientious attention to the details of his chosen life work. He and his wife are delightful people to meet, by reason of their kindly manner and courteous bearing.

Mr. Rush's maternal uncle, William Pollard, and also his paternal uncle, David Rush, were soldiers in the Civil war. His grandfather, William Pollard, was a pioneer settler of Monroe township, Clermont county, where the family took a prominent part in early history.

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### CHARLES H. WOODMANSEE.

Clermont county is proud to number among her representative citizens, Mr. Charles H. Woodmansee, a man of broad and liberal culture, whose versatility has made him widely and favorably known in the professional, commercial, political and social circles of this section of the State. He is at present engaged as cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Felicity, Ohio, in



connection with which he practices law. Mr. C. H. Woodmansee is a member of one of the oldest and best families of Clermont county, he being a son of Lot and Jane (Manning) Woodmansee. His birth occurred in Franklin township, Clermont county, Ohio, October 18, 1865.

Lot Woodmansee was born in Franklin township, Clermont county, Ohio, June 7, 1837, and after a life of active usefulness passed to his eternal reward on November 28, 1903. During the entire time of his activity, Mr. Lot Woodmansee followed the occupation of farming and operated the home farm in Franklin township, which was originally a grant of land to his maternal grandfather, Nathaniel Bonser, for services rendered during the Revolutionary war. Mr. Woodmansee was a man of upright and honorable life, and his persistency of purpose and unfaltering diligence were strong elements in the success that made him one of the leading farmers of his day. He was in favor of the principles of the Democratic party, and his religious views were in accordance with the tenets of the Christian church.

Jane (Manning) Woodmansee was born near Point Isabel, Washington township, Clermont county, Ohio, October 7, 1842, and is residing at Felicity, Ohio. Her father was John Manning, whose birth occurred in Franklin township, Clermont county, in 1800, and whose death occurred in September, 1889. He was a fine old gentleman, and was considered one of the substantial and reliable citizens of this part of the country. He was a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson. The Mannings were among the first settlers of Clermont, landing at the mouth of the Bullskin creek in 1790. Daniel Manning was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and Mr. Woodmansee has one of a string of fourteen buttons which he wore during the war. To the union of Lot and Jane (Manning) Woodmansee were born nine children, and with the exception of two sons who died in infancy, all grew to maturity. They are as follows:

Charles H., who is the subject of this mention.

Stella, who became the wife of D. E. Davis, of Mt. Olive, Ohio.

George A. resides on the home farm, one mile above Rural, Ohio.

Lorena, who married Albert Mannen, resides on Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Emma is Mrs. J. L. Marksberry, of Hamilton, Ohio.





James G., a motorman, is a resident of Felicity, Ohio.

Howard P. lives on a farm adjoining the old home farm, a part of which he also owns.

The education of Charles H. Woodmansee was acquired in the schools of the county and later at Ada and Lebanon, after which he taught in the schools of Clermont county for a period of twelve years, Mr. Byron Williams being his first examiner.

On October 7, 1891, occurred the marriage of Mr. Charles H. Woodmansee to Miss Mary A. Hendrixson, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, February 19, 1867, a daughter of Enoch and Melissa (Hutchinson) Hendrixson, the former of whom was born in Brown county, Ohio, October 21, 1825, and passed away September 19, 1907. He was a farmer by occupation and was a resident of Clermont and Brown counties most of his life. He was very active in church work for many years, being a member of the Methodist church for over forty years. He filled the offices of steward, class leader and Sunday school superintendent and took great delight in all of these services. Mrs. Hendrixson was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, and passed from this life in April, 1888. Nine children blessed this union, seven of whom are living, and nearly all were born in Clermont county. They are as follows:

F. E. is in the mercantile business at Hamersville, Ohio.

Martha is the wife of Augustus Bartlett, of Franklin township, Clermont county.

George E. resides at Chilo, Ohio.

Emery E. is a resident of Fremont, Ohio.

Finley S., who was a dealer in musical instruments and salesman for over twenty years, passed away November 5, 1911, at Fremont, Ohio.

Mary A., who is Mrs. Woodmansee.

Alva E. is a resident of Felicity, Ohio, where he is occupied in the insurance business, and is also a dealer in vehicles.

William Hendrixson, an uncle of Mrs. Woodmansee, served three years in the Civil war, enlisting from Brown county.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee have become the parents of two children, both natives of Felicity, Ohio.

Ralph H., who was born June 29, 1894, is a graduate of the Felicity High School, and is now a student of the Delaware College.

Nelson P., who was born February 2, 1899, is a student of the Felicity High School.

Mr. Woodmansee studied law at home after his marriage,



and was admitted to the bar in October, 1896. He has met with desired success in his profession and since 1906 has been employed as cashier in the Citizens' Bank of Felicity.

In politics, Mr. Woodmansee affiliates with the Democratic party, which he has served in various local offices. For three years he filled the office of township clerk, and from July 1, 1912, is serving in the capacity of mayor of Felicity, by appointment.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Woodmansee holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he is the treasurer. Mrs. Woodmansee is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and both Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee are devoted members of the Methodist church.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee, which was erected in 1911, is strictly modern in every way and is a property which adds greatly to the appearance of the town.

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### JAMES W. McMURCHY.

Mr. James W. McMurchy, active in the banking circles of Felicity, Ohio, is the assistant cashier of the Citizens' Bank and also holds the responsible position of postmaster of Felicity. He is a man of great energy and enterprise, has attained a high degree of success, and stands high among the foremost of the substantial men of Clermont county. Mr. McMurchy is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county and was born in Franklin township, October 7, 1859, his parents being William and Margaret (Wells) McMurchy.

William McMurchy was born in Scotland in 1800 and came to America in 1819, at the age of nineteen years, settling first in Pennsylvania. He came on to Clermont county in the pioneer days, and became one of the resident farmers of Franklin township. He was a Republican in politics, and served as township trustee for many years. He passed away in 1894, having reached a ripe old age. He was one of the influential men of the community in which he lived, and had a host of friends, who still miss him from their midst.

Margaret (Wells) McMurchy was born in Brown county, in 1814, and died in 1864. Her parents were from Maryland,





and settled in Brown county many years ago. Her death took her from the family in the prime of life, and her loss is still felt by all who knew her. She became the mother of six children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. They are:

Jennie, who became the wife of Thomas Clark, is deceased.

Mary, the wife of Abraham Hauser, is also deceased.

Lucy died at the age of two years.

Anna\* is Mrs. J. W. Miller, of Moscow, Ohio.

John, is a resident of Felicity.

James W., our subject.

James W. McMurchy attended the schools of Felicity, after which he was a student in Cincinnati for a short period. He assisted his father on the home farm until he was of age, and then contracted for the county commissioners for several years.

In 1902, Mr. McMurchy received an appointment by the Republican party, to the position of postmaster of Felicity, and has served in this capacity continuously since. In May, 1909, he was elected assistant cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Felicity.

The marriage of Mr. McMurchy took place on November 11, 1885, to Miss Kate F. Moore, who was born in Felicity in 1860, and is a daughter of William and Sarah C. (Fee) Moore, the latter a native of Clermont county, who died some years ago. The former was born in Brown county, Ohio, and became a physician and surgeon. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, was in service in the Sixty-first Ohio volunteer infantry. Beside Mrs. McMurchy, they had one other child, W. E. Moore, a resident of Felicity.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. McMurchy have been born two children:

Margaret M. is a graduate of the Felicity High School.

Clifford died at the age of fifteen months.

Mrs. McMurchy is the assistant postmaster, and with the assistance of her daughter attends to the duties of the post-office, while Mr. McMurchy is engaged at the bank, to the entire satisfaction of all in the community.

In political views Mr. McMurchy is in favor of the principles of the Republican party, and always has the interest of his party at heart. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and both he and Mrs. McMurchy are members of the chapter of the Eastern Star. In religious matters, Mr. McMurchy is a member and an elder of the Presbyterian church, while Mrs. Mc-



Murphy is a member of the Methodist church and is active in all affairs of her denomination.

Mr. McMurchy is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres in Franklin township. No family in this part of the county stands higher in the esteem of their associates than does the family of Mr. McMurchy. They are modest and retiring and live in great harmony and for each other. The life record of Mr. McMurchy is one that is above reproach and that he was given two important positions in his home village is a mark of their regard and respect.

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### EZEKIEL J. HUTCHINSON.

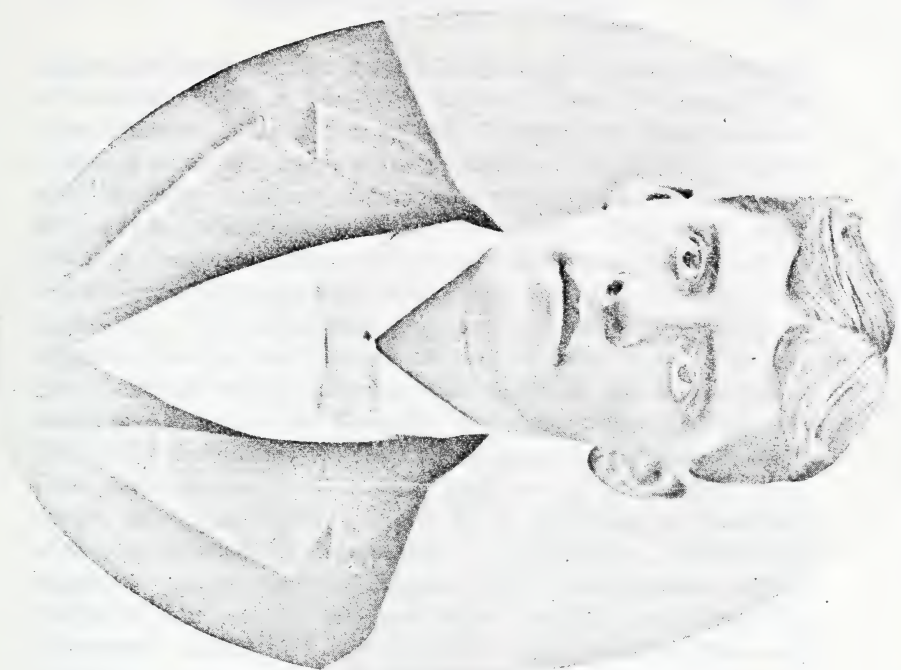
Mr. Ezekiel J. Hutchinson, owner of several hundred acres of land in Jackson township, on which are five sets of improvements, including his home, which is one of the finest country homes in Clermont county, was born on this farm October 31, 1838, and is a son of Col. Aaron and Deidanna (Smith) Hutchinson, born respectively in 1798 and 1804 in New Jersey. The father, who died in August, 1881, was a colonel of the Ohio militia and willed his sword to his son, E. J. Hutchinson, who prizes it highly. He and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist church, the latter died in 1872. Aaron was a son of Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson, who came to Clermont county in 1806, settling in Jackson township, where he secured land and successfully followed farming until his death, in 1845, aged seventy-five years. He was a most staunch supporter of the Methodist church and entertained the ministers in the early days, his home being noted for its hospitality. He donated the ground for the Hutchinson cemetery, to Jackson township, and the deceased members of the family are buried there.

To Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hutchinson were born seven children, all natives of Clermont county, as follows: William, deceased; Mary Ann, died in childhood; Henry Clay died at the age of two years; Benjamin F., deceased, served in the Civil war in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry; J. G., deceased, was a resident of Jackson township; Ezekiel J., our subject, and Caroline, widow of A. P. Middleton, now of Greenfield, Ohio.

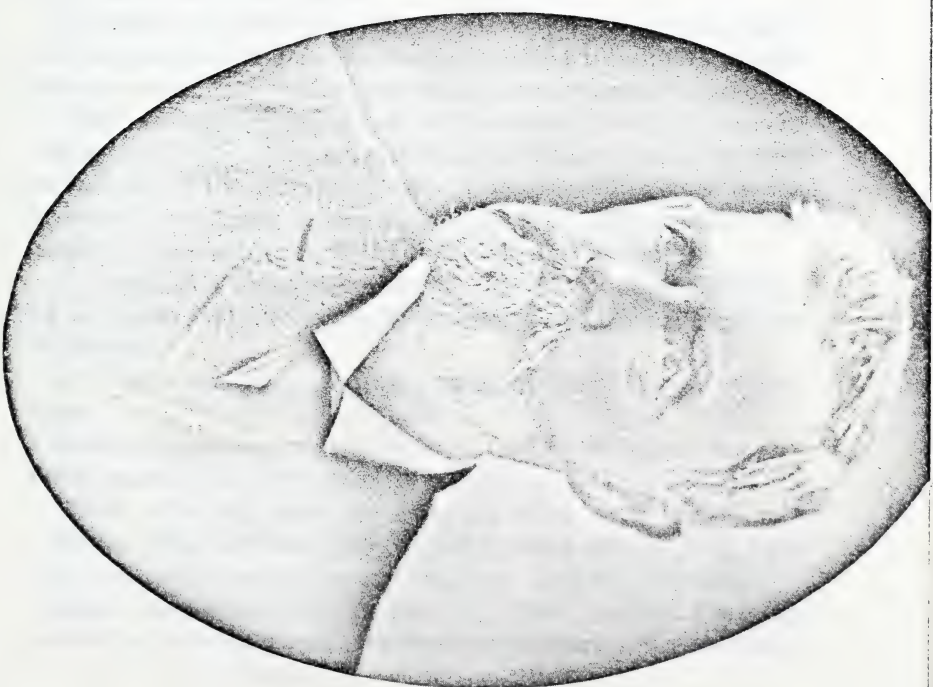
Ezekiel J. Hutchinson was educated in the township schools







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E. J. HUTCHINSON





and at the Batavia High School, beginning teaching at the age of nineteen years in his home school. Later, he taught the New Boston, Ashton, Harbaugh, Cover and other schools, devoting some five years to the profession. He made his home with his father until his marriage, in 1867, to Miss M. L. Robb, who was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, October 31, 1840, and is a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Houston) Robb, natives respectively of Clermont county, Ohio, and of Bracken county, Kentucky. The father was born in 1817 and passed away in 1893; the mother was born in 1813 and died in 1905. The former was a lawyer by profession but followed agricultural pursuits mainly. Both are buried at Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio. Of their children, four were born in Highland county, Ohio, one in Clermont county and one in Kentucky, their names being as follows: Mrs. E. J. Hutchinson; Georgia, widow of William E. Brackmann, of California; Elizabeth J., deceased, was the wife of Benami Selph, of Hillsboro, Ohio; Dollie M., the wife of William White, residing on Price Hill, Cincinnati; Caleb, deceased; and Dr. Isaac Robb, of Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. Hutchinson is a niece of the late Charles Robb, the well known and kindly remembered poet of Clermont county, mentioned on other pages.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have resided on the farm in Jackson township since their marriage, building the present splendid ten-room home which was ready for occupancy September 1, 1898. It is one of the largest in the county, modern in every respect, an elegant location with a beautiful pond near, situated on the site of the parental home. Conveniently located is the fifteen-acre orchard, pears, apples, plums, chestnuts, set out partly by our subject's father, but largely by himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Clermont county, Ohio. They are as follows:

Zoe, who was born June 22, 1868, died at the age of two years.

Robb, who was born July 10, 1870, died at the age of twenty-three years.

Wade, who was born February 24, 1873, is at home.

Nellie, who was born July 20, 1875, is the wife of J. O. Ridings, located on a farm near Lerado, in Jackson township.

Maud, who was born August 25, 1878, married Clarence Moore, who is deceased, leaving two children; Lucile, who



was born February 16, 1905, and Walter Wade, born June 7, 1906. Mrs. Moore is now the wife of C. F. Ridings, now located near the Hutchinson home. They have one child, Mary Elizabeth, born April 25, 1913.

Gail H., who was born January 30, 1882, is the wife of Harry J. Holden, D. D. S., of Williamsburg, and the mother of one son, James, born May 25, 1907. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

An infant, deceased, born August 30, 1880, died September 8, 1880.

Mr. Hutchinson enlisted in 1864 in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, belonging to the State Guards, serving some four months. He had several relatives who also served in the Civil war—his brother-in-law, A. P. Middleton, Frank Hutchinson, Dr. Ashton, also Felix, Frank and Sanford Ashton, all brothers and cousins of his, two of whom were killed in action; W. E. Brackmann, brother-in-law of Mrs. Hutchinson, besides Capt. Harry McArthur, a grandson of Governor McArthur, and Clay and John Osborn; also Rev. Randolph Smith, Eras Smith, both wounded in action, cousins of Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. Hutchinson is a Mason and in politics is a staunch Republican, having served two terms, 1905-1909, as county commissioner. He is a modest man, unassuming in manner or dress, but one well read and keenly alert on all subjects and progressive as evidenced by the highly satisfactory conduct of his office as commissioner. In addition to his farming interests he is director of the Farmer's National Bank of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Mrs. Hutchinson attended the Female College at Hillsboro, Ohio, and Miss Girard's school at the same place.

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### CHAMBERS BAIRD.

One of the prominent citizens of Ripley, Ohio, and members of the bar of Brown county is Mr. Chambers Baird. He was born in Ripley in 1860, in the family home in which he now resides. He is the only son of Major Chambers Baird, who was born in Adams county in 1811 and located in Ripley in 1834, where he died in 1887, and who during his lifetime was a leading lawyer and prominently identified with the banking and business interests of the town and county.





Mr. Baird is a graduate of the Ripley High School, 1876, of Harvard College, 1882, and of the Cincinnati Law School, 1884. He served as mayor of Ripley two terms, 1902-1906, and was also United States Referee in Bankruptcy for four years, 1898-1902. He is an able lawyer and man of business, who has taken an active part in public affairs and has been connected with various financial interests and enterprises. He is a man of fine character, good ability and wide scholarship, who has found pleasure in books and literary work and has written much for publication in papers and magazines. He has also delivered many addresses on literary, historical and political subjects.

In politics he is a Progressive Republican and has been active in party work and councils.

Mr. Baird is a member of the Masonic order and of other societies and clubs.

Mr. Baird married Miss Jeanette Gilliland in 1889, and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. Mr. Baird enjoys a large general practice, and the confidence of all who know him.

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#### GEORGE C. LONGWORTH.

Business activity and energy have been the salient features in the life record of Mr. George C. Longworth, who is now engaged in conducting a general store at Felicity, Ohio. He has a well appointed establishment and is doing a fine business, his annual sales reaching a gratifying figure. Mr. Longworth is a Clermont county man, his birth having occurred at Felicity, Ohio, his parents being Joseph Morris and Georgianna (Clark) Longworth.

Joseph Morris Longworth was born at Cincinnati, just east of Broadway, where the Park now is, in 1836, and died in February, 1912. He was a versatile man, being a farmer, banker and capitalist of Hamilton county, Ohio, and in later life engaged in the tobacco business and conducted a general store at Felicity, Ohio. He served three and one-half years in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio in the One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. In politics, Mr. Joseph M. Longworth was a Republican, although he always voted for the best man and the best measures.

Georgianna (Clark) Longworth was born at Rural, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1848, and passed away in 1910. She



became the mother of six children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are:

George C., of this mention.

Apphia L. is the wife of Dr. C. H. Mason, of Felicity, Ohio.  
Dr. Thomas, of Felicity, Ohio.

George C. Longworth obtained his education in the schools of Hamilton county, Ohio, and entered the business world in the insurance business, as adjuster of claims. In this capacity he continued for a period of two years, after which he was employed as clerk. In 1892, he opened his general store at Felicity, and it is the largest in the village. Mr. Longworth owns the store on Main and Union streets, also the store building on Main and Market streets. He is the owner of two nice farms in Washington township, and his success in the past gives promise of greater success in the future.

In politics, Mr. Longworth votes for the best man for all offices, and has served for one term as town treasurer, with great satisfaction to all.

Mr. Longworth is a member of the Masonic lodge, and of the Eastern Star, and is prominent in both organizations.

Mr. Longworth is well known in Felicity as a reliable business man, well qualified to conduct his large interests, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the county.

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### THE KAIN FAMILY.

Much pleasant mention has been made of James Kain and his children as the first family to make a home in the East Fork part of the Little Miami river. James Kain, of Scotch-Irish origin, was born February 13, 1749, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The maiden name of his wife, Catherine, seems lost. Their eldest child, Daniel, was born May 7, 1773. John was born September 1, 1776; Mary, June 5, 1783, and Sarah, November 5, 1787. This family left Lancaster county, and, like others westward bound at that time, stopped, because of Indian troubles, at Old Fort Red Stone, where they raised a crop. They boated down the Ohio the next spring to Columbia, where their youngest son, Thomas, was born, July 2, 1790. After 1792 they moved out to Mercersburg, or Newtown. In 1795 James Kain contracted with General Lytle to clear the "Big Field" as told in our general history. In



1796 the family moved out to Williamsburg and built their cabins on Lot No. 43, by the "Surveyor's Camp," and there began Kain's Tavern, the most noted stopping place in pioneer times between Cincinnati and Chillicothe. Through all the migration from Lancaster they brought a tall clock, now owned by Mrs. Estelle Norris Ochiltree, of Connersville, Ind., and a set of stone for a horse mill, now probably owned by Enoch W. Smith, in Williamsburg. These articles suggest a more than usual pioneer outfit. James Kain was appointed by the Hamilton county court as supervisor of the road to Chillicothe, and he probably acted under that authority in cutting the "Dug Way" as told on other pages. He was elected corner of Old Clermont. There is good tradition that he brought his parents, also named James and Catherine, to Williamsburg. But there is no doubt about the large, strong, resolute, energetic, useful, big-hearted man who founded a lasting family. No dates can be given for his rather small, dark-eyed and active wife, of German descent. He died April 10, 1815, and is buried in Williamsburg cemetery, near all his children, except Thomas and the younger daughter, Elizabeth, who married Sergeant Daniel Campbell, killed in the battle of Brownstown in 1812. She then married Samuel Cade and went farther west. Mary, called Polly, married James Perrine, on July 4, 1804, and their daughter, Catherine, married John Jamieson, whence that family in Batavia mentioned on other pages. Sarah Kain married Stephen Smith, captain of the second company from Williamsburg in the War of 1812. Captain Smith, born October 20, 1781, was one of the nine children of Israel Smith, born December 15, 1745, and Catherine Smith (not akin), born June 12, 1756, who brought their children, born at Elizabethtown, N. J., and first settled at Point Pleasant. Among the children of Captain and Sarah Kain Smith, who also had nine, were: Sarah, wife of Adam Snell Walker, the parents of Oliver E. Walker, the father of Spencer Walker; Mary, the wife of William Walker, parents of L. G. Walker, the father of Mrs. John C. Fuhr; and Eliza, the wife of Philip Chatterton, all three elsewhere sketched in this work.

Daniel, eldest son of James Kain, married Mary Hutchinson, who died leaving Mary, James and Joseph. Mary married Israel Foster and was the mother of Bishop R. S. Foster, as told in our history. Joseph, born September 10, 1802, became the driver of one of the tri-weekly stages to and from Chillicothe to Cincinnati. As he came down the road within a few





miles of Williamsburg, the four horses all took fright at a huge buzzard tied to swing and flap across the road. In the sudden struggle for control, Joseph was thrown from his place early on Thursday morning, August 28, 1828, and instantly killed.

On December 1, 1805, Daniel Kain, for second wife, married Elenor, a sister of his future son-in-law, Israel, children of Thomas and Nancy Trigg Foster, mentioned in the account of the Old Stone Jail. Nancy Trigg was a part in the ancestry of scores of people named in this publication, yet, living nearly a century, she died as recently as July 2, 1855. The children of Daniel and Elenor Kain were William L. married to Mary West, Henry C. married to Rebecca Homan, Thomas, Catherine married to Samuel Ellis, Sarah married to Dr. William Gage, Eliza married to Rev. John Miller, Paulina married to George Davison, and Manora married to Samuel G. Peterson. Thomas, badly crippled, was still a very useful pioneer teacher. Samuel and Catherine Ellis were the parents of Thomas Kain Ellis, elsewhere sketched. Elenor Kain was born March 14, 1782, and died July 25, 1842.

Daniel Kain was a soldier in Wayne's victorious army; was commissioned a captain in 1801, by Governor St. Clair; was a major in active service in the War of 1812; and then a colonel of militia, but was called "major," the rank in actual war. He was sheriff of the county, a justice of the peace for twenty-four years and postmaster from 1839 till his death, March 11, 1843. He was a zealous Methodist, a faithful Mason and vice-president of the first temperance convention held in Brown and Clermont. In personal appearance he was tall, dark, and fine looking, with a martial air. He was held in a high respect, still surviving.

John, the second son of James Kain, was married on May 4, 1797, to Elizabeth Raper, who was born April 6, 1783, and died March 17, 1839. She was the oldest daughter of Leonard Raper, the British Revolutionary soldier, sketched in our history. Leonard Raper was born in England, March 19, 1750, and well educated in London. His wife, Temperance Holly, was born in Wales, November 22, 1764, and died November 28, 1841. The sons of Leonard and Temperance Raper were Samuel, Joseph, Holly and William H., and the daughters were Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah and Mary. Margaret married John Randall, Mary married James Kain, Jr., and Sarah married Lieutenant Thomas Foster. William H. was the



noted Methodist minister. After serving as a sergeant in Captain Boersttler's company, in which his brother, Samuel Raper, was first corporal, in the War of 1812, Holly served four terms as sheriff of Clermont county. Joseph raised a family and died on the home farm. Samuel married Mary Jones, of a New Jersey family, and died on his farm a mile and a half south of Bethel, leaving the reputation of a strong minded man worthy of his ancestry. His daughter, Sarah, who was born January 20, 1822, and died November 22, 1896, was married April 25, 1839, to Robert Blair, who was born July 22, 1816, and died September 8, 1879. Robert was the son of John Blair, who married Antis, a daughter of David and Nancy Vaughan White, elsewhere sketched. The children of Robert and Sarah Raper Blair are Augustus C., Judith, Elizabeth, and Katherine. Of these Elizabeth married Albion T. Kain, elsewhere sketched.

The children of John and Elizabeth Raper Kain were Margaret, Thomas, Sarah, Samuel H., James, Daniel, Elizabeth, John Wesley, Caroline and George W. Of these Elizabeth, who was born March 12, 1816, and died November 5, 1889, was married October 15, 1835, to Lewis Ellis, who are mentioned in the sketch of Mrs. Estelle N. Ochiltree. John Wesley Kain was born November 7, 1819, and on August 27, 1840, was married to Almira Hull, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Wilson Hull, who came from Pennsylvania, where he had been a soldier in the War of 1812. The children of John Wesley and Almira Kain are Luther, Lorisa and Albion T. Lorisa is the wife of Charles P. Chatterton, sketched on other pages.

John Kain was a soldier with his brother, Daniel, in Wayne's army. He was on much duty for the county of Old Clermont, and was county treasurer seven years. He was also a colonel of the militia. After his father's death he built the tavern at the northwest corner of Main and Third streets, in Williamsburg, which was popular till his death, February 6, 1846, and continued so under the management of his youngest son, John Wesley Kain, until his death, April 4, 1888. The house was the scene of much historic action, of which the most dramatic was its occupation as the headquarters of General John Morgan, on July 14 and 15, 1863, in his famous Northern raid. In person John Kain was a dark-eyed, swarthy, broad-shouldered and stern visaged man, who tolerated no loitering about his inn. Yet he was sternly kind, and rarely devoted to friends. Masonry was his chief ideal. From his initiation in the old





jury room, April 19, 1819, to his last attendance, April 18, 1845, just twenty-six years, Clermont Social Lodge held 415 meetings, at which he was present 383 times. Besides other offices, he was elected treasurer for sixteen successive years. During the thirteen years of anti-Masonic excitement, he was present at all but eleven of the 185 meetings of his lodge, and the records of committee work show that his example of punctual, efficient, resolute and prudent ways was as a corner stone for the work of the craft.

Thomas, the youngest son of James Kain, on March 1, 1812, was married to Mary Herbert, who was born in Trenton, N. J., April 9, 1794, and died November 5, 1864. She was a daughter of James Herbert, who as the keeper, was then residing in the stone jail. Some four weeks after his marriage Thomas Kain answered the first call for the War of 1812 as first lieutenant of Captain Boersttler's Rifle Company. After the captain was killed at the battle of Brownstown, Lieutenant Kain was promoted to be captain. When Batavia was fixed as the new county seat, in 1824, Captain Kain, who had come to be colonel of militia, moved, and became a noted innkeeper and was highly esteemed in Methodist, Masonic and social relations until his death, on August 17, 1856. The children of Colonel Thomas and Mary Herbert Kain were, as named and married, as follows: James Herbert Kain to Margaret B. Ellis. John Washington Kain to Mary Lukens, and then to Caroline Moore. Daniel D. Kain to Jane Tate. Caroline Kain. William Milton Kain to Eliza J. Gerard, and then to Eliza Robinson. Almira Kain to David J. Clossin. Matilda Caroline Kain to William Baum. Sarah Catherine Kain to Jesse Ellis. George Forman Kain. Charles Henry Kain to Laura Perrine Jamieson. Mary Herbert, the mother of these eleven children, was a daughter of James Herbert, who was born June 6, 1765, and died March 19, 1822, and was married July 14, 1793, to Sarah Hendickson, who was born February 9, 1772, and died July 22, 1828.

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#### MILLARD FILLMORE McNUTT.

Because of both civil and religious trouble in Scotland, the McNutt family, of Presbyterian faith, went to Northern Ireland probably in Cromwell's time. Of these James McNutt, Sr., married Catherine Foster, and they had Elizabeth and



James. This family immigrated about 1790 to Petersburg, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where Elizabeth married William Allen, who left her a widow with one son, George. James McNutt, Jr., born July 29, 1776, was married on February 18, 1810, to Mary Donaldson, who was born in Huntingdon county, December 25, 1791, eleven weeks after the arrival of her father, Alexander Donaldson, and his wife, Rebecca Simpson, who was the sister of the father of Bishop Matthew Simpson, of the Methodist church. Alexander and Rebecca Donaldson lived for a while at Hollidaysburg, Pa., and then at Petersburg, where their children, as far as known, were John, James, Alexander, Mary, Lydia, Rebecca and Nancy. One daughter, four years old, died in the voyage, and was buried in the sea. Rebecca married Dr. Collar, then David Homan, and then Eli Homan, and, after a long life there, died in Williamsburg. Sometime before 1814, James McNutt, Sr., came west with a stock of goods, of which he eventually traded a part for three hundred acres of land, at the rate of one dollar per acre, situated on the waters of Clover creek, and being a part of Hawkin's Survey, No. 2950. He returned to Petersburg and died soon after. In settling his estate, one-half of the Clover tract went to his grandson, George Allen, and the other to his son, James, Jr., to whom John McNutt was born April 4, 1812, and Rebecca Simpson on February 14, 1814. In the meanwhile Mary Donaldson, who, like all the rest of these people, had been strictly Presbyterian, was converted in her seventeenth year to the Methodist faith, which so embittered her family that she lived from home till her marriage.

In 1814 all the living of the family of James McNutt, Sr., came to their land on Clover creek, where they became members of the Clover Methodist church that had been organized ten years before. The other children of James and Mary Donaldson McNutt, and born in Ohio, were: Alexander, April 21, 1816; William Foster, May 13, 1817; Catherine, January 11, 1820; James Donaldson, June 11, 1822; Mary Ann, September 5, 1825; Elizabeth, March 4, 1828; George Allen, September 4, 1831; and Robert Simpson, March 13, 1834. James McNutt was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his youngest son was a veteran in the Fifty-ninth Ohio, in the war for the Union. His daughter, Mary Ann, married John Harvey Wright, mentioned in the sketch of Thomas K. Ellis. The pioneer, James McNutt, Jr., took his land when a wilderness and from it made it a hospitable place, known as a "Preacher's Home." He died





December 28, 1857, aged eighty-three years—a Methodist to the end and is buried near his mother, Catherine Foster McNutt, who came with him to the West and died February 25, 1833, in her seventy-sixth year. His widow, Mary, though latterly overwhelmed with blindness, lived happily in Christian resignation to be eighty-one years old, and on December 28, 1873, went to rest with her husband in Clover cemetery.

In 1852, when not yet of age, George Allen McNutt left the quiet of his father's home, and made the overland trip to Sacramento, Cal., where he spent four successful years in gold mining. On his return he and his brother, James, became partners in wagon making. On May 7, 1857, he married Mary Melissa Sims, who was born near Bethel, January 29, 1833. Her parents were Samuel Sims and Sarah Crane, both of Scotch descent, and lived in the vicinity of General Grant's home, where Melissa became acquainted with the general and intimately acquainted with his younger sisters. Her later girlhood was spent in Williamsburg, in her sister's home, where she was married. George McNutt bought a furnished house opposite his place of business, that was his lifelong home. Their children were Millard Fillmore, Stella, Alice Burket and Anna Pearl. In 1857, George McNutt joined the Methodist church, in which he was a faithful member of the official board and a class leader. He was fifty-four years a Mason, after taking the degrees in California in 1854. He shared the trials and remarkable success of that order as is shown in the History of Clermont Social Lodge. He died January 20, 1908.

Millard Fillmore McNutt completed the course of study in the Williamsburg public school at seventeen, after which he was engaged one year in the flour mill, where his father owned an interest. Desiring a knowledge of the drygoods business he spent one year and a half in his uncle's store at London. In 1878 he formed a partnership for a drygoods business in Williamsburg. On October 5, 1881, he married Ella May Sharp, as sketched with the Sharp family, and lived in her parent's home. In 1884, after clerking two and one-half years for Mr. McNutt, Charles McNutt became his partner, and they remained together until 1892.

On March 2, 1894, Mrs. McNutt died, leaving her husband with one child, Louise Katharine. Mr. McNutt then sold his store and spent a quiet year with his daughter in the home, after which he entered his father's business in farming implements and vehicles, under the name of G. A. McNutt and





son, which is borne to the present day. On September 16, 1896, he married Lillie May Davis, who was a daughter of Azariah Davis and Ruth Patten, who were married November 26, 1843. Azariah Davis was born July 23, 1817, near Mt. Washington, Hamilton county. His ancestry is clearly traced through a long line of the Welch Davis family, which, in 1780, crosses the American connections of the Dutch consul and historian, Emmanuel Van Meteren, that first appeared, in New Amsterdam, September 12, 1662; See Genealogy Duke—Shepherd—Van Metere Family, by Samuel Gordon Smyth, pages 67, 72 and 80. Ruth Patten was born March 3, 1823, in Warren county, near Mason. Her father's parents came from England, and her mother's, whose name was Davis, though from Scotland, were related to her husband. Azariah Davis was a prosperous farmer, living near Batavia, on the Davis Pike, which he built and controlled. He was also a successful dealer in live stock. He and his wife were members of the Union Chapel Methodist Church. They were given to much hospitality and were friends indeed to those in need. The children of Azariah and Ruth Davis are: Rev. Lucian M., John W., deceased, Alonza A., deceased, Dr. William O., deceased, Emma E., Dr. George W., Dr. Charles W., Edward C., Lillie M. and Albert L., who lives in and owns the old Davis home near Batavia, where his father, Azariah Davis, died, June 13, 1859. Mrs. Davis being left with four small children and heavy business cares, though frequently aided by the able and kind advice of her older sons, was the legal head of the family and its countless responsibilities in a manner and with results most remarkable and gratifying. She was of a cheerful disposition, charitable, well informed, of sound religious convictions—a noble woman. She died November 1, 1901. Lillie May Davis, after graduating from the Batavia High School, attended the Lebanon Normal University at its best. After two years' teaching, she spent much time with her mother in the home, and was active in church work, and loved to study and travel. Thus she spent her girlhood until her marriage, when her amiable talents, and usefulness were transferred to her new home. The children of Millard and Lillie McNutt are: Frances Emma, Ines Mae and Ruth Davis. Mr. McNutt and his family are members of the Methodist church. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. In 1904 he became interested in what is now a successful enterprise, the Williamsburg Canning Company, which



with his other occupation, and the overseeing of his farming land, makes a busy life. As a diversion, he delights in hunting and fishing; he is a master of the checker board; is fond of dogs and horses and enjoys reading. He and his family reside in the home of the late Dr. E. C. Sharp, Jr., where he is a strong advocate of the "simple life," which accords well with the characteristics of his ancestors.

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### THE SHARP FAMILY.

Harvey Sharp, born December 27, 1773, and Sarah Coats, born November 28, 1777, in Connecticut, near Pomfret, Windham county, were married September 26, 1798, and moved to Cherry Valley, Otsego county, New York. The family lived in Buffalo, N. Y., when that place was raided by the Indians in the War of 1812.

In 1816 they moved near Cincinnati, in 1835 to Marion county, Indiana, near Indianapolis; in or about 1840 to St. Louis, Bartholomew county, Indiana; and in 1851 back to Marion county. Their children were: Oran, Gaylord, Erastus Coats, Alva, Elisa, Mary A., Abby Jane, Sarah Mariah, George W. and William. Harvey Sharp died January 24, 1861. Mrs. Sharp died June 22, 1856.

After 1816, while near Cincinnati, Erastus Coats Sharp, born April 25, 1804, studied, taught school, and read medicine, which he began to practice in 1825 in Williamsburg, where, July 25, 1827, he married Mary Ann Lytle, born December 10, 1805, who was the only daughter of the six children of John Lytle, born August 8, 1766, near Carlisle, Pa., and Dorcas Waring, born June 20, 1787, who were married in 1804 in Williamsburg. John Lytle was the elder brother and efficient aid of the noted Gen. William Lytle in his extensive arduous and often dangerous operations that included the surveying, mapping, founding and settlement of Clermont county and a very considerable part of the region between the Miami and Scioto rivers. In the adjustments of the Lytle properties, the principal house built opposite the old stone court house, in 1815-17, was taken by John Lytle and eventually fell to his daughter. For more than sixty years, it was the home of Dr. Sharp's family. Dr. Sharp was notable for his skill and kindly manner. His fort-one years' practice, more laborious than





than now, was rounded with success. On October 16, 1867, with the words, "I put all my trust in my Savior," he passed into the realization of his faith. Mrs. Sharp died October 30, 1873. The children of Dr. E. C. and Mary Lytle Sharp were John Harvey, Erastus Coats, Jr., Mariah Asenath, who died young, Sarah Dorcas, Adelia Samantha, who died young, and Mary Ellen.

John Harvey Sharp, born May 13, 1828, was educated in Williamsburg, where he married Margaret Sinks, born in Bethel, September 2, 1830, whose parents were Edward Sinks and Sarah Calvin Salt. Edward Sinks was a son of Nicholas Sinks, Sr., who married Margaret Pence and came from Virginia to Newtown in 1797, and then to Williamsburg in 1801. He owned a tan yard, and the Thomas Morris tavern after 1804, managing both successfully. He was the third postmaster of Williamsburg, and county treasurer for seventeen years, and otherwise prominent in public affairs. He died April 9, 1825. Sarah Calvin Salt was the daughter of Edward Salt and Priscilla Conrey. Edward Salt was the oldest son of Edward Salt, Sr., who was born in Birkshire, England, and came with his Irish wife to Berkeley county, Virginia, where their five children were born. He died in 1812. Priscilla was a daughter of John Conrey, a Revolutionary soldier in the battle of Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey Sharp resided in Williamsburg, where he was a merchant. Katie is the survivor of their three children, the other two dying early. After living some time in New Richmond and Hillsboro, Mrs. Sharp and her daughter have located permanently in Williamsburg, where they are filling out their life with much worth and fine intelligence that accords well with the traditions of their historic families.

Sarah Dorcas Sharp, born September 2, 1838, lived in the ancestral home with her sister until married to Erasmus D. Boyd, who served in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio infantry. She was an earnest member of the Woman's Relief Corps. After a well spent life, she died, April 3, 1910. Mary Ellen Sharp, born May 29, 1844, at an early age, married William Offutt, who died shortly after. She then married F. J. Boyd, living in her old home. She was a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps. Though an invalid for years she was cheerful to the end, which came August 14, 1889.

Erastus Coats Sharp, Jr., was born June 6, 1830. With fine mentality he was a student, esteemed by his teachers, and



classmates among whom were the eminent financier, Washington Ellis. Another was the distinguished divine, David Swing, who long after in speaking of those days, said, "Coats was the friend of all, he was a stranger to enmities of any degree." After reading medicine with his father, he entered the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, and was an earnest student, graduating in March, 1856, with high honors. He served as an interne in the Cincinnati Hospital, where he met Dorothea Wuist, a head nurse, whom he married in 1858, at Alexandersville, Montgomery county. His father gave him a beautiful building site, where he built his home, standing today. His office in his home, his companion a physician, and their daughter formed a congenial, ideal home. "Young Dr. Sharp" gained a fine reputation as a physician and citizen. His similarity to the "old doctor," and his winning characteristics made a pleasing personality. The needy had his help for mercy's sake alone. He was public-spirited and a sound adviser. His useful life closed December 10, 1884. Dorothea Sharp was born in Sarsheim, Kingdom of Wurttemberg, Germany, October 18, 1830. In 1835 her parents, who were strict Lutherans, immigrated to America and located in Warren county. After a carefully planned education, she entered the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College, in 1854, graduating in 1858. With a strong intellect, rare conversational powers, refined tastes, deep religious convictions, and a kind unselfish nature, she was a woman of unusual ability. She died February 19, 1891.

Ella May Sharp, the daughter of Drs. Erastus Coats and Dorothea Sharp, was born November 23, 1859. Her temperament and nature were thoroughly understood by her parents, who carefully guarded her health, planned her education and guided her inclinations. She was instructed at home except the last two years in the Williamsburg school. Receiving the best musical instructions her parents could afford she developed that divine talent to a remarkable degree of execution and expression. Possessing a beautiful voice with her exquisite touch, she was a general favorite. Some lessons in art led to the pleasure and satisfaction of many beautiful paintings, now treasured by her family. On October 5, 1881, she married Millard Fillmore McNutt, eslewhere sketched, and they lived with her parents. She was an understanding, ideal mother to their child, a capable woman in society, and in her church. Failing in health soon after her mother's death, the loving care of husband, daughter, and the faithful friend, Miss





Minta Johnson, who lived with them twelve years, and many friends were to her a comfort and delight. She died March 2, 1894. All these people were Presbyterians.

Louise Katharine McNutt, daughter of Millard Fillmore and Ella May McNutt, received her first instructions from her mother, after whose death she entered school. Graduating from the Williamsburg High School, she attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and then Oscar Ehrgott's School of Music in Cincinnati. She married Earl Hampton Davis, the only child of Dr. William O. and Zuella Nash Davis. Dr. William O. Davis was an older brother of Mrs. Lillie Davis McNutt, mentioned in the sketch of Millard Fillmore McNutt. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton Davis are members of the Methodist church, and live in Williamsburg.

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#### RIPLEY CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The Ripley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is the first organized in Brown county, and was organized October 17, 1912, the anniversary of Burgoyne's surrender, by Mrs. Judith Field (Leggett) Tyler, with the following officers chosen:

Regent—Mrs. Judith Field (Leggett) Tyler. (Mrs. George P.)

First Vice-Regent—Mrs. Mary Venetia (Dixon) Williams. (Mrs. L. V.)

Second Vice-Regent—Miss Elizabeth Field Leggett.

Secretary—Mrs. Clara Tate (Brooks) Newcomb. (Mrs. J. B.)

Treasurer—Mrs. Grace (Ridgeway) White. (Mrs. S. J.)

Historian—Mrs. Maude Wylie.

Registrar—Miss Florella Wylie.

Chaplain—Mrs. Margaret (Thompson) McPherson. (Mrs. Frank.)

Other members include the members of the following committees:

Program Committee—Miss Elizabeth Field Leggett, Mrs. Jeanette Gilliland Baird, Miss St. Clair Ross Hickman, Miss Edith Vernon Wylie.

Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Belle Tyler Stivers, Mrs.





Jessie Tyler Shotwell, Miss Sallie Gay Kelley, Miss Marie Adkins, Miss Jeannette Baird Stivers and Mrs. Clara Tate Brooks Newcomb.

Historical Committee—Mrs. Inez Thompson Bambach, Mrs. Judith Ann Leggett Baird, Mrs. Florence Adkins Nelcamp, Miss Mary Criswell and Miss Esther Rae Beasley.

It is remarkable that in the village of Ripley and vicinity there are upwards of fifty or more who are eligible for membership of the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution, and the outlook is bright for a large membership of this organization. There were more Revolutionary pensioners in Brown county than any other county in Ohio.

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### THOMAS W. HILL.

The Hill family was one among the earliest in Clermont county, and has been prominently identified with its history since 1808. Its members have been public-spirited citizens and have always stood for progress and advancement along all lines. Several members of the family have been soldiers and have given valuable service to their country. They have been active in helping to establish churches and schools and the name stands for good citizenship. Thomas W. Hill was born on the farm where he now lives, January 11, 1840, son of John R. and Charity (Conrad) Hill. John R. Hill was born near Mt. Zion Church, Stone Lick township, Clermont county, December 24, 1811, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Rudisill) Hill, the former a native of Maryland, who had removed to North Carolina from his native State. Thomas Hill was a son of John and Rachel (Butner) Hill, and came to Clermont county from Salisbury, N. C., in 1808, settling permanently in Stone Lick township. There he became the owner of a piece of land which is now the property of a Mr. Yeager, and there he spent the remainder of his life. He was a skilled mechanic and manufactured spinning wheels. Near him his son, Thomas, located and there spent the rest of his life. On the latter farm John R. Hill was born, but this place is now the property of Bert Motsinger. John R. Hill bought one hundred and thirty-five acres of land, where the subject of this sketch now lives, in 1835, at a price of \$2.25 per acre, as it was then considered almost worthless, and known as





THOS. W. HILL



MRS. ELIZA J. (SMYSOR) HILL





Maple Swamp. At the present time, however, there is not a better farm in Stone Lick township.

John R. Hill lived to a good old age, passing away July 30, 1890. In early life he was a Whig, as were most of the Hills, and later became a Republican, and he voted for John C. Fremont for President. His grandfather's brother, Judge Samuel Hill, who had settled on the south side of Stone Lick, had left several descendants, who inherited the judge's Democratic principles and politics, and for many years it was known whether a member of the Hill family was a Democrat or Republican by considering which side of Stone Lick was his home. John R. Hill was an active and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, being instrumental in having the church at Belfast built and securing subscriptions therefor. He sold out soon afterwards and removed to Westmoreland, Kan., so that he did not see the church building for many years after it was erected, when he came back for a visit. He died while on a visit to his eldest son, at Lizton, Ind., and was buried at North Salem, nearby. His wife had died in 1874 and was buried at Westmoreland, Kan.

Thomas W. Hill grew to manhood on the home farm and received a common school education. He was one of the earliest from the neighborhood to enlist for service in the Union army, the date being 1861, when he became a private in Company C, Second Ohio volunteer infantry, being later transferred to Company E, of the same regiment. He proceeded to Camp Dennison. After going to the front to the quartermaster's department and later to an ammunition train, having quite a thrilling experience at the battle of Chickamauga. Afterwards he was transferred to General Thomas's headquarters, where he was serving at the time he was mustered out, at which time the regiment was commanded by General Anson G. McCook, now of New York City. He gave faithful service for more than three years, and during this time was never in the hospital, captured or wounded, although he saw much active fighting.

At the close of his term of enlistment, Mr. Hill returned home, and on January 18, 1865, was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Smysor, to whom he had been engaged before he joined the army. He bought a part of his father's former farm, and about one year after his marriage erected a log house, in which the family lived until 1879, when he erected a brick dwelling on the site of the log house, which is as good a house as is to be found in the whole county. He has now re-



tired from active life, having brought his land to a high state of cultivation and made all possible improvements. His home is in the northeastern part of Stone Lick township, near Milford and Woodville pike, but his postoffice is Cozaddale, Warren county. He lives near Belfast, Clermont county, where he and his son own nearly three hundred acres of fine farm land.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, the elder of whom died in infancy. The other, Lyman Lee Hill, was born December 16, 1869, graduated from Milford High School, under Prof. Byron Williams, and spent a year at Delaware, Ohio, and then taught school a few years. On December 24, 1890, he married Carrie E. Durah, of Belfast, and they had one child, born October 30, 1897, Lida Beth, now attending school at Milford. Mrs. Hill died when this child was an infant and Lyman L. Hill married (second), September 30, 1901, Miss Effie J. Myers, by whom five children were born: Twins, who died in infancy; Thomas Sumner, born November 3, 1905; Stanley Eugene, born September 9, 1908, and Mary Dorothy, born October 16, 1912.

Thomas W. Hill is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864. He voted for Governor Brough while on the field at Chattanooga, Tenn., as Ohio had passed a law authorizing her soldiers to vote wherever they were stationed. He is in no sense an office seeker, although he takes an active interest in all public affairs. He served from 1892 until 1895 as a director of the infirmary, and rendered very satisfactory service. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of ten years and his wife was also reared in this faith, joining the church at the age of sixteen. He is a member of Kilpatrick Post, No. 189, Grand Army of the Republic, at Goshen, and has served as its commander. He has attended many National reunions and he and his wife attended the one held at San Francisco in 1903. He is one of the best known men in the county, where his entire life has been spent, and has a host of sincere friends.

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#### MRS ESTELLE NORRIS OCHILTREE.

Elizabeth Caroline Stockton was born in Williamsburg, Ohio, June 28, 1840. She is the daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Kain Ellis, daughter of John and Elizabeth Raper Kain,





elsewhere mentioned in this book. On June 29, 1858, Elizabeth C. Ellis was married to John Jasper Norris, a dentist and druggist of Felicity, Ohio. They resided in Felicity until the death of Dr. Norris, which occurred March 2, 1860. Dr. Norris had a fine dental practice, which extended from Ripley, Ohio, to Petersburg, Ky. He was a Mason of some prominence, and was devoted to his lodge, holding his membership at Bethel, Ohio. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Norris returned to her father's home in Williamsburg. On April 27, when her husband would have been twenty-seven years of age, had he lived, Mrs. Norris gave birth to a daughter, Estelle May Norris, who is now Mrs. William E. Ochiltree, of Connersville, Ind.

On May 15, 1864, Mrs. Norris became the second wife of B. N. Stockton, a prominent merchant of Williamsburg. Mr. Stockton's family at that time consisted of two daughters, Clara and Florence, and two sons, George and Charles. Mr. Stockton was the son of Job Stockton, and learned the mercantile business from his father. For forty-two years he followed the business, occupying one building for over thirty years. He was known far and wide as a man of good business judgment and integrity. Mrs. Stockton was again made a widow February 21, 1893, by the death of Mr. Stockton.

A few years later, her daughter having married, she began to travel, and perhaps no woman in Clermont county has seen more of the United States than has Mrs. Stockton. Being able to describe clearly the scenes of her travels, she brought back to her friends much valuable information, and has given them many hours of entertainment. Mrs. Stockton comes from a line of sturdy ancestors, several of whom were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The father, Lewis Ellis, was a son of Jacob, Jr., and Margaret Joel Ellis, of Berkeley county, Virginia.

The Ellis family has handed from generation to generation a romantic little story dating back to the year 1725, when an Austrian Princess, Maria Louisa, of the House of Hapsburg, married a man beneath her rank, her tutor, whose name was George Nogelle. On account of opposition to their marriage (the nobility being Catholic and Nogelle a German Lutheran), they came to America on the ship "William and Sarah," William Hill master, from Rotterdam, September 21, 1727, and settled in Philadelphia. Two daughters were born to them,





Margret, the older, married Henry Joel, a German nobleman, and Rosina married Michael Burkett. Henry and Margret Joel had two daughters, Margret married Jacob and Katherine married Abraham Ellis, two brothers of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The name Ellis was originally Alles and is so written in an old German Bible, still preserved in the family. Johann Jacob Alles, the father of Jacob and Abraham, came to this country upon the ship "Dragon," from Alsace, Daniel Nicholes master, October 17, 1749.

Both Abraham and Jacob Ellis were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Jacob was a fifer and lost his life on the bridge at the battle of the Brandywine. He was a private in Captain Barber's company, Second battalion, Chester county militia, 1780, Thomas Bull, colonel.

At the close of the war, the Ellis brothers took their wives and their mother-in-law, Margret Joel, to Berkeley county, Virginia, where they settled on a farm in a valley between North and Page mountains. In 1806, Abraham immigrated to Wilmington, Ohio. Jacob died leaving a large family of children, and was soon followed by his widow. The older children immigrated to Ohio, but Samuel, father of Thomas K. Ellis, and Lewis, the father of Mrs. Stockton, were so small that they rode in one saddle to Harper's Ferry, where they were reared by a family friend, Jane Walker. In early manhood Samuel came to Williamsburg, Ohio, and was soon followed by his brother, Lewis, who had been convinced by a fortune teller in Maryland that he would find his bride, a dark-haired, dark-eyed maiden, at the end of his journey. When he responded to his first invitation to an apple cutting, upon entering the room, he met Elizabeth Kain, whom he recognized as his heart's desire. They were an ideal couple, living together almost forty years. Their children were, Leonidas, Elizabeth Caroline, John Henry, Laura Anna, and Elmer Coats.

Mrs. Stockton's first marriage to Dr. J. J. Norris connected her with two of the largest families in Southern Ohio, the Norris and Sargents. The Norris family was so prolific that it seemed to be sufficient unto itself, for an unusual custom of cousins inter-marrying prevailed, and strange to say, they are a race of remarkable strength, vigor and mental clearness. Aquilla Norris, Sr., grandfather of J. J. Norris, immigrated to Ohio from Herford county, Maryland, in 1806. In the war of the Revolution he was captain of a company of militia from Herford county. At the close of the war, his wife,



Priscilla, died, and his home burned. Disheartened, he resolved to go west. With a family of eleven grown children and his nephew, Abraham Norris, who had sixteen children, he immigrated to Ohio, and settled in Brown county. His wife's maiden name was Priscilla Norris, for she was his cousin, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bradford Norris, all of Herford county, Maryland. Aquilla Norris, Jr., their son, married a daughter of John Sargent, familiarly known as "Jacky." To their union were born eleven children, John Jasper being the seventh son. The Sargents were English people, James Sargent came from Snowhill, England in 1745, to Frederick county, Maryland. He married in England a Miss Snowden, whose mother's name was Nellie Taylor. James lived to be 107 years old. His ten children married into families well known in Southern Ohio. John married Mary Lamb, known as "Polly" to her intimate friends. Their daughter, Sarah, was married to Aquilla Norris, Jr., March 21, 1813.

Mrs. Stockton's daughter, Estelle May Norris, was educated in the public schools of Williamsburg, with an additional two years at Farmer's College, College Hill, Ohio. She taught two years in the Williamsburg public schools, after which she gave her time for several years to her step-father's business. On October 30, 1889, she was married to William Elmer Ochiltree, of Connersville, Ind., where she has since resided. Mrs. Ochiltree has always been interested in religious and education affairs, and has been closely identified with the movements that have stood for civic improvement in her home town. She organized the first permanent literary club in her city, and it still exists, and is one of the best in the State. She has held responsible positions on the board of federation of clubs, is a Daughter of the American Revolution, and has written some fairly clever short stories for magazines.

William E. Ochiltree, a prominent attorney of Connersville, and through both the Ochiltree and McCrory families traces his Scotch blood. His people immigrated to Fayette county early in the Nineteenth century. The Ochiltrees trace to the Lairds of Scotland, and to Robert Aikin, to whom Burns dedicated his "Cotter's Saturday Night." They also connect with the early history of Clermont county, through their kinsman, Col. Thomas Paxton, of pioneer fame.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ochiltree are Bert James, born June 30, 1892, and William Norris, born July 26, 1894. Bert J.





is an automobile machinist, and William N. is at the present writing a student at the Indiana University, where he is studying for the bar.

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### LULA M. BROADWELL.

Mr. Lula M. Broadwell, who for the past eight years has conducted an undertaking establishment at Felicity, Ohio, is a representative of one of the prominent Clermont county families who have been connected with the agricultural and industrial interests of the county for many years. He was born at Rural, Clermont county, Ohio, July 12, 1870, and his parents were Joseph A. and Louisiana (Mannen) Broadwell.

Joseph A. Broadwell was born near Milford, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1829, and was a dealer in leaf tobacco, also owning a large farm near Rural, Ohio, which has been his home since he was a small boy. He was an energetic and progressive business man, and was highly respected by all with whom he was associated. His wife, Louisiana Mannen, a native of Mason county, Kentucky, was born in 1840, and left this life in 1878. To this worthy couple were born five children, two of whom are still living:

Joseph L. is a resident of Rural, Ohio, and possesses three productive farms.

Lula M., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph A. Broadwell was a Democrat and had membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred October 31, 1907, and both he and his wife were laid to rest at Rural.

Lula M. Broadwell obtained his education at Rural, and entered upon his business career in the warehouse of his father. He continued with his father and remained at home until his marriage and thus became familiar with all the details of the tobacco business.

He was married to Miss Maud Woodmansee on the 30th of May, 1897. She was a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Iler) Woodmansee, and was born near Rural in 1869. Her father was born near Rural and in early life was a farmer and stock raiser, but for the past twenty-five or twenty-six years has conducted a coal business. His birth occurred July 14, 1847, and he is now enjoying a retired life. His wife, Martha (Iler) Woodmansee, was born at Neville, Ohio, June 25, 1846, and died June 13, 1907. There were eight children in this family, six are still living:



Maud is Mrs. Broadwell.

Callie married Arthur Shinkle, of Rural, Ohio.

Annice is at home.

Maggie, formerly a teacher of the schools of Rural, Ohio.

Grace is an instructor in the Rural school. She is a graduate of the Felicity High School, and also took a course at the Oxford school.

Hazel Houghton is at home. She also graduated from the Felicity High School.

Following his marriage, Mr. Broadwell turned his attention to the occupation of farming for one year, after which he conducted a general store at Rural for a period of three years. In 1904, he purchased the undertaking business of Mr. J. L. Bannock, and has continued in this business to the present time, meeting well deserved success. In 1900, he purchased the comfortable home on the corner of Union and Light streets, and is counted among the substantial business men of Felicity.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Broadwell are two children:

Burdette was born January 22, 1899.

Irene, who was born December 7, 1901, is the organist in the Sunday school of the Christian church of Felicity, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadwell are consistent members of the Christian church, the former having filled the office of deacon for some time. Mrs. Broadwell is active in the church societies, taking a great interest in all church affairs.

The political views of Mr. Broadwell are in accord with those of the Democratic party, and he has filled the office of township clerk and is at present a member of the educational board.

Mr. L. M. Broadwell affiliates with the Masonic order, and Mrs. Broadwell is a member of the Eastern Star.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Broadwell, Gen. John Mannen, was a native of Mason county, Kentucky, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Broadwell's success in life is attributable to his own efforts. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman, and his wife possesses many excellent qualities, so that they are highly esteemed in the community where they reside.

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### WILLIAM J. HUGHES, M. D.

Among the best citizens of Moscow, Clermont county, is Dr. William J. Hughes, who is well fitted by nature and prepara-



tion to minister to the physical ailments of mankind. He is popular because of his broad sympathies and general kindness, and his genial manner and courtesy pave the way for happy friendship and companionship with his fellows. He is a man of large stature, well proportioned, and with a mind and heart in keeping with his bearing. Dr. Hughes was born near Ash Ridge, Brown county, Ohio, February 8, 1861, son of William T. and Elizabeth (Jarman) Hughes. His father was born near Milford, Miami township, Clermont county, October 29, 1833, and died February 20, 1911. He was a carriage maker, coming to Moscow with his father at the age of thirteen years. He attended school in Milford and one month after coming to Moscow, and although his education was limited, he was ahead of the boys of his age in general knowledge, being especially bright in mathematics. He and his father worked at carriage making in Moscow until 1860, then moved to a farm at Ash Ridge, and when the war broke out William T. Hughes entered the commissary department, where he served some years. He then went to Cincinnati and later to Winchester, where he conducted a carriage shop for a number of years, then moved to Wamsley, Adams county, and died on a farm near that town. He was assistant secretary of the West Union Fair from the date of its organization until his death, and before this time had been connected with the Winchester Fair. In this way he became very well known, and had become very popular in the various communities where he lived. He was a Republican in politics, and served as treasurer of Jefferson township for over twenty years. He was a Mason from the time of his twenty-second year and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. His wife was born on the Jarman homestead, near Neville, on October 24, 1831, and still lives on the farm near Wamsley, where Mr. Hughes died. Mr. Hughes has one brother, Charles, of Elwood, Ind., the only survivor of twelve children. Mr. William T. Hughes and wife had four children: George S., of Pickrell, Neb.; Dr. William J.; Walter C. lives on a farm near Wamsley; Mary L. is the wife of George Connor, of St. Paul, Kan.

William J. Hughes began his education at Winchester, attended school at the National Normal, at Lebanon, where he took a teachers' and scientific course, meanwhile having learned the trade of carriage maker with his father at Winchester, where he worked a number of years. He went to his





father's farm at Wamsley and taught six years in Jefferson township, studying all his spare time. He read medicine with Dr. A. Gilfillen, of Russellville, Ohio, and later attended Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1890 from the School of Medicine at Louisville, Ky., and then taking up active practice. He had gained his later education by his own efforts, teaching in summer and attending school in the winter, and studying all his spare time. He practiced near the home place at Wamsley three years after his final graduation, and came to Moscow in 1893, where he has since become well known as a skilled physician and surgeon, and at his home on Broadway street has a well-filled drug room, where he prepares all his own medicines. He stands well in his profession and enjoys a good reputation with all.

Dr. Hughes is a Republican in politics, and has been honored by election to several local offices. He has served as councilman and mayor, and has at various times served on the school board at Moscow. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and still holds a policy with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church, and he is an elder, having been clerk of sessions for sixteen or eighteen years. He purchased his present home in 1898, and has added many improvements to it. He and his wife are prominent in many circles, and have a large number of friends. Their home is kept in spotless order and they are very hospitable.

On October 26, 1893, Dr. Hughes was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Faul, born near Dover, Ky., September 15, 1871, daughter of Lewis and Margaret (Arn) Faul, the former born in Brown county, Ohio, November 29, 1837, and the latter born in the same place July 24, 1847. Mr. Faul died December 1, 1903, and is buried at Arnheim, Brown county, and his widow lives at Ash Ridge. He was a farmer, lived for some time near Dover, later near Higginsport, and still later as Ash Ridge. He enlisted in the Fiftieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served through most of the Civil war. He was an Odd Fellow. He and his wife had six children, all of whom survive: Margaret, wife of Frank Brookbank, of Higginsport, Ohio; Katherine, wife of Henry Young, lives with her mother; Mary A., Mrs. Hughes; Dr. William L., of Russellville, Ohio; Pearl P., with her mother; Lela, wife of C. C. Inskeep, of Urbana. Frederick Arn, an uncle of Mrs. Hughes, served from Ohio in the Civil war; Captain Hughes,



brother of the doctor's father, also served, and a brother of his mother, George Jarman, was also in an Ohio regiment. Mrs. Hughes is a charming woman, possessed of the graces and culture that help to make a home pleasant.

Since the above was written Mrs. Hughes died from the effects of a malignant disease, March 14, 1913, and was buried at the Lutheran cemetery, Arnheim, Ohio.

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### ALONZO JUDD.

Alonzo Judd is one of the most substantial citizens of Moscow, Clermont county, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the region. He is a self-made man, and has a good helpmate in his wife. He was born in Higginsport, Brown county, Ohio, April 11, 1840, son of Joshua A. and Sarah (Akels) Judd. The father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1795, and died in 1881, and the mother was born in Hagerstown, Pa., in 1806, and died in 1881. Both parents are buried in Mars cemetery, Pendleton county, Kentucky. They came to Ohio in 1815, landing near the mouth of the creek, not far from Moscow. There was but one house in Moscow at that time and there were Indians on both sides of the river. At the same time Jesse Dugan came and settled at Higginsport; Samuel Ebersoll came and located at Palestine, and Jimmie Selby came and located at Point Isabel, all in Clermont county. All these men came from Pittsburg. The Judds were respected and esteemed by their neighbors, and always did their share to help along measures for improvement and progress.

After coming to Ohio Joshua Judd was a ferryman on the Ohio river, and made forty-two trips from Higginsport to New Orleans and return, on flat boats and produce boats. Twice he walked back to Higginsport. In 1825 he left Clermont county and lived in Higginsport until 1841. He then removed to Nashville, Tenn., but not liking the institution of slavery, remained there but one year, although he had a sister and a brother there. He returned to his old home near Moscow, and in 1843 took charge of the ferry, which he and his sons kept some sixty-four years. This business was sold but a few years ago, passing out of charge of the family. He was known as Captain Judd and participated in the War of 1812, also belonged to a company of militia at Georgetown. He was





a Whig before the formation of the Republican party, which he joined later. He and his wife had ten children, two of whom were born in Clermont county, namely: Samuel R. served in the One Hundred and Ninety-sixth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, was born in Ohio, and now resides in Kentucky; Mary, deceased, married (first) Jacob Kayser, and (second) William Eads, both of whom have died; Susanna, married William Blunkall, lived in Nashville, but she and her husband are now deceased; Daniel, born in Ohio, served three years and three months in Company B, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and now lives in Indiana; Nelson and Melissa, deceased; Alonzo; Leonidas and Edward, deceased; one child was still-born.

Alonzo Judd received his education in Moscow, and when still a boy began working on his father's ferry, learning all branches of the business. He was first employed in steering and later ran a skiff ferry and gasoline boat himself. He remained on the river until 1864, then enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for ten months and nineteen days. He participated in a few skirmishes near Winchester, Va., and performed every duty expected of him. Returning to Moscow, he again took up the business of ferryman, which he continued until selling out a few years ago. He conducted the business in a way that was most satisfactory to the public, and was faithful in his attention to the needs of his customers. Like his father, he is Republican in political belief, and fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows. He is a prominent member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is well known in various ways.

On March 20, 1866, Mr. Judd married Miss Melissa Fassett, born in Pendleton county, Kentucky, in 1847, daughter of Jacob and Emily H. (Eads) Fassett. Her father was a native of the same county, born in 1820, and he died in 1892. Her mother, born in Moscow, Ohio, in 1829, died in 1903, where both parents were buried. He was a farmer boy by occupation and a Democrat in politics. He never sought public office and was a quiet, patriotic citizen. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Kentucky, namely: Mary Frances, wife of Samuel R. Judd, of Kentucky; Margaret, wife of David White, of Moscow; Charlotte, wife of Thomas Lancaster, of Kentucky; Permelia Bell, married William Langh, of Kentucky, and is now deceased; Rebecca, wife of George M. Whit-



ford, of Kentucky; Mrs. Alonzo Judd; Daniel lives in Kentucky; Edward died young.

Seven children have blessed the union of Alonzo Judd and wife, all born in Moscow: William H., born in January, 1867, married Bertha Davis, resides in Kentucky, and they have one child, Beatrice; Minnie J. married Edward Langh, of Moscow, and they have two children, Myrtle and Judd; Cora, wife of Charles McCoy, lives in Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio; Robert died when eighteen months old, and is buried in Moscow; Everett died at about the same age as Robert; Ellsworth Lee died at the age of two years; Stella married Clarence Holland, and they live in Moscow.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd belong to the Christian church, in which he is an elder, and both are active in its work. They have a very pleasant home on Third street, which they have purchased, and they have a number of friends in Moscow and vicinity. Having practically spent his life in the community, Mr. Judd is one of the best known men of Clermont county, and is reasonably proud of the part taken by the family in its early history.

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#### ANTHONY MELDAHL.

There is no more popular man along the Ohio river than Anthony Melhadl, affectionately known among his friends and acquaintances as "Tony," and he is a man of skill and ability, whose watchful care insures the safety of thousands of persons each year. He is a pilot on the great river, being now employed on the boat known as the "Ohio." It is to such competent, conscientious men, standing at the wheel governing the boat, amid the dark shadows of night, in shallow places and through swift currents, straining every sense to guard the lives of those depending upon their skill, that the most sincere praise and commendation should be given. The wheel seems a thing of life, immediately obedient to their will, and their efficiency is the result of long years of training. Mr. Meldahl is a man of good habits, is self-made and shows that he is descended from a family of good standing and honor, having the leading traits of the true gentleman.

Mr. Meldahl was born near Parkersburg, W. Va., July 26, 1854, son of Emil and Lena (Muenchmeyer) Meldahl, the father born in Denmark in 1828, and now living near Parkers-



burg, and the mother, who was born in Germany, in 1834, died in 1906. Both families were of the nobility of their respective countries, and he and his wife were both educated in Germany, receiving the benefit of such learning and culture as were given only those of high birth, position and wealth, in their native countries. Mrs. Meldahl was well known as a fine linguist, having mastered a number of languages thoroughly, and was a musician of such talent that all who had the pleasure of hearing her long remember it as an unusual treat. Her family, the Muenchmeyers, are moving in leading official circles in Germany at the present day. Some fifty-eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Meldahl came to West Virginia and located near Parkersburg, where they made a home and reared a large family, on what was known as Washington Bottom. Their residence, which was one of the finest in the whole State, is near the Ohio river division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and the station near it is known as Meldahls. This beautiful estate attracts a great deal of attention, and its owners are very proud of it, as it is large, well arranged, and built for the comfort of its occupants and the entertainment of friends. No one was ever turned from the door, and its hospitable roof has sheltered many weary travelers, who by accident or design came to the portal of this old-fashioned home. There are to be found all the comforts to be had in a large city and all the beauty of a carefully planned country home. Mr. and Mrs. Meldahl had great pride in their children, who have done honor to their parents, and made a host of friends, for they were both courteous and pleasant in manner, and did not hold themselves above associating with their neighbors. Mrs. Meldahl especially was a favorite with old and young alike, and all knew that true enjoyment reigned in her home. Her death brought genuine sorrow to the hearts of many. The members of her household were blessed with the opportunity afforded them of living with this noble gentlewoman, and it was counted an honor to be among her friends.

Of the children born to Emil Meldahl and wife six now survive: Maude, wife of Capt. James Sandford, of Dayton, Ky.; Alexander, of Huntington, W. Va.; Frank, of Charleston, W. Va.; Margaret and Lilly, at home, and Anthony.

Mr. Meldahl began his education in the country schools near his boyhood home, for some time had a private governess at home, and later attended school in Parkersburg. He remained on the home farm until attaining his majority, then





went to work on the river, on a boat running between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. He engaged in business on his own account, and owned the steamer, "Fashion," and the "Knox," the former of which sank. He sold the Knox several years before his marriage and now runs the "Queen City." He purchased seventy-eight acres of land in Washington township, Clermont county, to which he has added from time to time, and has a beautiful home, especially well adapted for keeping summer boarders, from the cities or elsewhere. He and his wife have worked together and success has attended their efforts in a gratifying degree. He is much interested in local affairs in Clermont county, and in politics is a Republican. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a Woodman.

On October 26, 1892, Mr. Meldahl married Miss Laura Busby, who was born in Neville, Clermont county, October 2, 1868, daughter of James and Sarah (Vanlandingham) Busby. Mr. Busby was born in Indiana in 1826 and Mrs. Busby in Brown county, Ohio, in 1835. He died in 1898, and she in 1902, and both are buried in Vesper cemetery. He was a carpenter by trade, was married in Foster, Ky., and in an early day moved to Clermont county, Ohio, living at Neville until old age overtook him and he came to live with Mrs. Meldahl. He and his wife had two children, Robert, of Pennsylvania, who was born at Foster, Ky., and Mrs. Meldahl. Mrs. Busby's father, Manley Vanlandingham, served in the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Meldahl have three children, all born on the home farm and all at home: Louise, born September 23, 1894, and Otis and Vera (twins), born February 17, 1899. All are promising young people. Mrs. Meldahl is a member of the Christian church and Miss Vera is a Methodist.

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### JOHN JARMAN.

John Jarman is one of the most extensive farmers of Washington township, Clermont county, and belongs to the class of self-made men who have done so much for the progress and welfare of the county. He is held in respect by his neighbors and enjoys the good will of all who know him. He was born near Neville, Clermont county, in 1875, son of George and Alice Jarman, a sketch of whom also appears in this work. The father was a prominent citizen of the county, industrious and



thrifty, and is well remembered by many, as he was much interested in local affairs and was kindly disposed toward all. He and his wife had four children, mentioned in connection with the sketch of the parents.

Mr. Jarman attended school at Beech Grove, and after leaving school remained on the home farm with his mother until he attained his majority. September 16, 1902, he married Miss Hattie Essex, who was born at Rural, Clermont county, March 9, 1879, daughter of A. L. and Rachael Belle (Reed) Essex, of Rural. Her father, Albert L. Essex, is a retired tobacco buyer and in early years was a teacher and farmer. He is a son of Albert and Joanna (Broadwell) Essex, born at Rural, in 1854, and resides in Washington township. His father was born in New York, in 1818, and died in 1853, not long before the birth of his son. His mother was born at Milford, Ohio, in 1823, and died in 1892, and both were buried in Rural cemetery. Albert and Joanna Essex had four children, two of whom reached maturity: Frances, wife of William A. Jones, of Walnut Hills, and Albert L.

Albert L. Essex attended National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, and for a short time studied at Augusta, Ky. He taught some fifteen years in Franklin township, buying tobacco during the summer months. He became foreman for H. P. Williams, an extensive tobacco buyer, and had a factory for several years. In 1892 he built a warehouse, but since 1896 he has practically retired and his son carried on the business for some years, but is now connected with the American Tobacco Company. He spent the greater part of his life in Franklin township, but in 1892 purchased some sixty acres in Washington township, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jarman. He was elected by the Republicans to the office of justice of the peace, serving nine years in Franklin township and three years in Washington township, and served some time as trustee in the latter. In 1878 he married Miss Belle Reed, born near Rural in 1856, daughter of Joseph and Rachael (Morgan) Reed. Mr. Reed was born in Felicity in 1828 and died in 1904, and the mother was born near Rural in 1830, and died in 1885, both being buried at Mount Pleasant. There were eleven children in their family, eight of whom reached maturity: Elizabeth, wife of Baker Flaughner, of Higginsport; Edward was killed in childhood; Belle, Mrs. Essex; Alphonso, who was accidentally killed; William, of Cincinnati; Alvina, Mrs. Mahlon Vermillion, deceased; Laura, Mrs. Harvey Fry;





Grant, died in February, 1913, at Cincinnati; Edmond, of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Essex had five children born near Rural: Hattie, wife of John Jarman; Paul, of Ripley, Ohio, married Mary Glazer, of Neville; Edith, wife of Alfred M. Demaris, living on a farm near Rural, has one child; the other two children, Eva and Wylie, died in infancy. Mr. Essex had an uncle, Ferdinand Broadwell, who served in the Civil war, in the Twenty-second Ohio, and Mrs. Essex had two uncles, Frank and Charles Reed, who served in the war, the former of whom was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Essex have worked hard and now enjoy their comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Essex belongs to the Christian church at Rural.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jarman located near Neville, where he has some three hundred acres of land under his control, part of which he owns. He has demonstrated unusual ability as a farmer and in business transactions, being very successful in his enterprises. He is a Republican in politics. He is a Mason and also belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Mrs. Jarman belongs to the Christian church. They have four children, all born near Chilo: Paul, born July 16, 1904, attends the school at Beech Grove, which his father and grandfather Jarman attended; Alice, born April 9, 1907; John, born November 8, 1910, and George Allen, born May 25, 1913.

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### JOSEPH TRIMBLE RICKER, M. D.

Dr. Joseph Trimble Ricker has attained much prominence in Clermont county during the past forty-two years, not only because of his remarkably successful career in the medical profession, but also because of his intense and well directed activity for the advancement and development of his native county. He is a representative of the Ricker family, who since the earliest pioneer days have been numbered among the substantial citizens. He is the sixth child of Major Elbridge Gerry and Margaret (Foster) Ricker, a mention of whom appears elsewhere on these pages, and was born May 18, 1848.

Dr. Joseph T. Ricker spent the days of his childhood in the home of his parents, and after the usual preliminary education took up the study of medicine in the city of New York, from which he graduated in 1871, delivering the valedictory address for his class. During his period of study in New





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York, Dr. Ricker attended a course of scientific lectures at Cooper Union for three years, and became well acquainted with Dr. Stowe and his wife, Harriet Beecher Stowe. After his graduation, Dr. Ricker was appointed demonstrator of anatomy, but resigned because he desired to return to his home, where he took up the general practice of medicine, and after a continued period of forty-two years is still actively engaged in his profession, at Mt. Carmel, Ohio.

On May 10, 1876, Dr. Ricker was united in marriage to Miss Catherine E. Winspear, of Buffalo, N. Y., a young woman of unusual musical talent and ability. She was a daughter of John and Catherine (Wheelock) Winspear, the former of whom was originally of Hull, England, and through the latter she traces her ancestry to Ann Drury and through her to Edmund Rice, of England, 1594. There are many Revolutionary heroes in the Winspear-Wheelock-Drury lineage. This union has been blessed with three children, whose names follow:

Joseph W., who was born March 12, 1880, near New Richmond, Ohio, received his preliminary education in the Mt. Carmel High School and later in the Woodward High School of Cincinnati. In 1897, he entered the University of Cincinnati, Medical College of Ohio, where he took a four-years course and was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in May, 1901. Following this event, he was appointed resident physician of the Jewish Hospital, and served in this capacity until 1903, when he determined to take up dermatology and for this purpose arranged for a post-graduate course abroad, spending one year studying in the clinics of Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London, under such eminent men as Lassar, Lesser, Rhiel and Neumann. Returning to America, he located at Cincinnati, Ohio, engaging in the practice of his specialty, dermatology. Joseph W. Ricker, being very successful in his profession was honored by an appointment to the staff of Bethesda Hospital and surgical clinic of the Medical College of Ohio. In 1910, Dr. Ricker gave up the practice of medicine to enter the food manufacturing business, and in this line of work, his laboratory training, his hospital experience and his post-graduate trip abroad proved to be a valuable asset to his business and today he is a recognized expert in the manufacture of certain food products, being called upon frequently to serve as an expert for the government in its food cases. Joseph W. Ricker chose for the companion of his future years, Miss Helen Skaats Loudon, only child of Charles F. and Lucy (Skaats)





Loudon, of Avondale, Cincinnati, the latter of whom is a descendant of Dolly Madison, and on November 12, 1904, the ceremony took place. To their union one child was born, Charles Loudon Ricker, whose birth occurred November 22, 1905.

Catherine Elmira, who was born near New Richmond, Ohio, December 2, 1881, graduated from the Walnut Hills High School in the class of 1899, receiving the gold medal in mathematics and the silver medal for general scholarship with honorable mention in Latin and literature. She afterward spent two years attending the Eden Park Art Academy, studying in the life classes of Vincent Nowottny and L. H. Meakin, later taking up metal work and designing of jewelry. While teaching in the New Richmond schools, she composed and collaborated with Mr. Joseph Surdo, two operettas, which have been successfully given in a great number of cities in the United States. On August 28, 1907, occurred her marriage to Mr. H. P. Moran, of New York City. Mr. Moran is a graduate of the College of the City of New York and of Cornell University, and a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He is a civil engineer with Frederick L. Crauford, incorporated, one of the largest contractors of the East. They built the subway under the East river, connecting the Boro of Brooklyn with the Boro of Manhattan, and are at present building a section of the subway underlying the Trinity Building, St. Paul's Churchyard, the old Astor House and several other celebrated landmarks of older New York. Mr. Moran's part in the construction has been a large and responsible one. Three children have come to bless and cheer this union: Isabella Ballantine, born July 14, 1908, at her grandfather's home in Glen Rose, Ohio; Harry Hamilton, born April 27, 1911, in Brooklyn, and William Ricker, born August 23, 1912.

Elbridge Gerry Ricker, second, was born August 28, 1883, at Mt. Carmel, Ohio, and received his early education at the Mt. Carmel High School, from which he graduated in 1902, afterward entering the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, graduating from a four-years course, in May, 1906, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, taking the prize in eye, ear, nose and throat, and was one of three, of a class of thirty-three, to receive honorable mention. After passing a competitive examination he was appointed interne at the Cincinnati Hospital, serving one year in this capacity, and one year as house surgeon, receiving his diploma in the year of



1908. He is now practicing successfully at Forrestville, Hamilton county, Ohio. Dr. Ricker is a member of the Clermont County Medical Association and is also surgeon for the Interurban Railway & Terminal Company. He was united in marriage on September 3, 1902, to Miss Estella Virginia Williams, daughter of Thomas and Lillian (Warner) Williams and granddaughter of Mary Williams, of Woodburn, and Locust avenues, Walnut Mills, one of the original owners of a great part of the land of the hill tops. They are the parents of two children: Mary Margaret, born July 26, 1905, at the home of her grandfather, at Glen Rose, Ohio, and Elbridge Gerry, third, born October 16, 1909, at Forrestville, Ohio.

Dr. Joseph Trimble Ricker has always been a staunch Republican, and a progressive citizen. He, with his brother, Benjamin Ricker, and his cousin, Dr. Freeze, assisted in raising the ten thousand dollar subscription demanded of Pierce township toward the building of the New Richmond branch of the Cincinnati & Eastern railway, and held the handles of the plow that broke the furrow at the opening celebration. Dr. Ricker also built the second telephone line established in Clermont county, it being built for his private use and extended for six miles from Mt. Carmel, Ohio, to Forrestville, Ohio, and was used free of charge by the general public until it was purchased by the Citizens' Telephone Company, who afterward sold it to the Bell system.

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### JULIUS SHELLEY.

Julius Shelley, a native son of Clermont county, belongs to one of the old families of the region, and has spent most of his life there. He was born September 7, 1840, at Moscow, son of Andrew Jackson and Louisa (Way) Shelley, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Greenfield, Ohio. Andrew J. Shelley was born November 28, 1811, and died December 19, 1897, and the mother was born September 26, 1818, and died April 22, 1899. Both parents died and were buried at Moscow. The father came to Ohio as a very young boy and learned the trade of tailor, which he followed all his life. He was a Republican in politics and a hard working, industrious citizen. He and his wife had twelve children, all born at Moscow and seven of them still surviving: William,





drowned in the Ohio river, at the age of nine years; Mary Emily, wife of Elijah Fee, of Richmond, Ind.; Malvina, who died in January, 1913, was the widow of Theodore M. Hughes, of Moscow, who was a captain in the Civil war; Julius, of this sketch; Lucius, unmarried, lives with Mrs. Hughes; Sylvester died a few years ago in Butler county, Kentucky; Addie, wife of Robert Norris, made her home in Illinois, where she died, her first husband being Benjamin Fisher, also deceased; Augustus lives with Mrs. Hughes, in Moscow; George lives at Butler, Ky.; James lives in Cincinnati; E. C., of Cincinnati, and Granville, of California. The parents of these children were members of the Methodist church, and the father was a class leader and steward. They were both active in church work and well known for their zeal in this respect.

In boyhood Julius Shelley attended the public schools of Moscow, and his first work on his own account was as a soldier. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Second regiment, and later he served in Company A, of the Thirteenth Ohio cavalry. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Perryville, Petersburg, and many others of importance. He was taken prisoner at Gettysburg and spent two months in prison at Belle Isle, there suffering every hardship and privation. He won an honorable record as a soldier, and at the end of his term returned to civil life. He learned the blacksmith trade in Moscow, but later took up farming. In 1869 he married Miss Laura Harvey, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1841, daughter of Dr. George and Mary (Archibald) Harvey, her father and mother also natives of Nova Scotia. Dr. Harvey was born in July, 1805, and died in 1886, and Mrs. Harvey was born in June, 1806, and died December 17, 1883. He came to the United States in 1852, settling at Point Isabel, Clermont county, Ohio. He was a physician by profession, practiced for a time in Oxford, and was a surgeon in the navy throughout the Civil war. In 1865 he located in Moscow and there practiced many years. He retired late in life and died at the home of a son in Minneapolis, Minn. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Nova Scotia, and five of them now survive: Georgia, widow of William Wolf, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Tompkins lives in Kansas; Laura, Mrs. Shelley; David, of Oklahoma; Frederick, of Minneapolis; William died in Oklahoma; Mary, who died in Illinois, was the wife of Edward Gaskins.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shelley located on a farm near



Felicity, spent three years there, and in 1871 removed to Kansas, but five years later returned to Moscow and began farming in Washington township. He continued farming at intervals until about two years ago, since which he has lived retired. He removed to his present pretty cottage on Wells street, Moscow, at that time. He erected this home, and it is very suitable to the family needs. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and is recognized as a progressive, upright citizen. He is a Republican in politics, and has worked for the party with great enthusiasm. He has served as councilman and on the school board at Moscow. He is a member of the Christian church, and his wife of the Presbyterian church, and he also belongs to the Grand Army of the Rechurch, and he also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Shelley is a self-made man, and his wife has stood by him well, working with him and proving an inspiration and encouraging him in his efforts. Both are upright and energetic and have won the respect and esteem of all. They are pleasant and cheerful and have a large circle of friends, being very hospitable.

Three children were born to Mr. Shelley and wife, namely: Charles Dickens, born May 14, 1870, died July 27, 1871, and was buried at New Richmond; David Harvey, born in 1877, March 27, married Miss Irene Herbert, resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., and they have three children—Herbert Julius, James and John; Mary Louise is at home with her parents.

Mrs. Shelley's four brothers served in the Civil war, two in the navy and two in cavalry regiments, all enlisting from Oxford, Ohio.

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#### DR. GEORGE P. TYLER.

Dr. George P. Tyler, one of the foremost professional men of Ripley, Ohio, where he has a fine practice and splendid offices, is widely known in this section of the State as a physician and surgeon. His methods are immensely practical and his life of continued activity has been crowned with a measure of prosperity that classes him among the most substantial of citizens in the community. His birth occurred at Russellville, Ohio, December 13, and his parents were Hon. George P. and Mary Ann (Reed) Tyler, whose sketch appears elsewhere on these pages.



Dr. Tyler was reared at Russellville, and attended the schools of his native town, after which he became a student of the Ohio Medical College, graduating in the class of 1886, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His first practice in medicine was at Warm Springs Indian Agency in Oregon, where for two years he was in the employ of the government.

Returning to the East in 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Judith Field Leggett, on the 23d of June of the same year. Her parents were Francis Taylor and Virginia (Eyler) Leggett, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Tyler is a cousin of Mr. Chambers Baird and a niece of Mr. J. C. Leggett, both of Ripley, Ohio. She taught in the Ripley High School for some years prior to her marriage. One child has been added to the family circle of Dr. and Mrs. Tyler, George P., 3d, who was born in 1888. He graduated from the Ripley High School and afterward from the Miami Medical College in the class of 1910. For one year following his graduation, he was receiving physician of the German Deaconess Hospital, Cincinnati, and since that time has been associated with his father at Ripley. He married Miss Ethel Plummer, of Cincinnati, and their home since their marriage has been at Ripley, Ohio. He holds membership with Union Lodge, No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. Tyler, as an intelligent citizen, has always taken an active interest in politics, and gives his support to the Democratic party, and served for six years as health officer of Ripley, and four years, during President Cleveland's last administration, filled the office of United States pension examiner.

Fraternally, Dr. Tyler is a member of the American Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society. He is a member of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery; Highland Commandery, No. 31, Hillsboro; Knights of Pythias, at present being past chancellor; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand; and is past master of Union Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Ripley.

Dr. Tyler is a liberal supporter of the Methodist church, which he attends, and of which Mrs. Tyler is a member.

A man of prominence throughout the community, Dr. Tyler has a wide circle of friends, and is everywhere held in highest esteem. He is a man with many private interests, but he has always found time to perform a citizen's duty. He is a man of marked liberality as well as public-spirited, and commands the confidence of his fellow citizens.





## REV. PHILIP GATCH.

Rev. Philip Gatch, a man of deep piety and zeal, strong in the faith of the Gospel, was one of the first ministers to advocate the Methodist belief in America. He was unassuming in manner, quiet, peaceful and harmonious; standing high in the esteem of the community in which he lived. He was a man of strong mind, not easily turned from a course he believed to be right, enduring with gentleness and Christ-like attitude the persecutions that were heaped upon the ministers in those early days, being ready to suffer and die for the truth. These characteristics entitle the Rev. Gatch to a high and honorable place in the memory and affections of all, not only as a pioneer of Methodism, but as an earnest worker in laying the foundations of our great commonwealth.

The birth of the Rev. Philip Gatch occurred March 2, 1751, near Baltimore, Md. The first of the family in America, Godfrey Gatch, came to America from Prussia, about 1727 and in 1737, he purchased a farm not far from Baltimore, which at his death descended to the father of Rev. Gatch. His mother's people, whose names were Burgin, settled near Georgetown, on the eastern shore of Maryland, at an early date. They were originally from Burgundy and were descended from a long line of ancestry in that principality.

The educational privileges in the days when our subject was a boy, were not what they are now, but he learned to read when quite young and took great pleasure in books and received what was considered in those days a good common school education. He showed strong inclinations toward religion when very young, spending many hours in reading the history of the lives of pious men.

In April, 1772, the Rev. Gatch was converted to the Methodist belief, and in the fall of the same year felt the call of the Lord to preach the Gospel. At that time the preachers traveled in circuits, holding meetings in the homes of believers, in barns, in groves or wherever a congregation could be gathered together. He was given a small circuit in Pennsylvania, which he held until the fall of 1773, when he began traveling in the regular work; being the first minister to be sent out in this capacity in Virginia.

The persecutions of the next few years were very severe and trying and only those who were well founded in the faith, remained steadfast and unshaken. In the case of the Rev. Gatch,



he was often beaten with clubs, his life threatened and at one time he was covered with tar, in which operation one of his eyes was injured, as the paddle with which the tar was applied was drawn across the naked eye ball. This gave him a great deal of pain, both at this time and in later years. Through all these persecutions this saintly man had nothing but earnest prayers for those who treated him so cruelly. He was gratified to know that later, several men who had been prominent in his trials were brought to see the error of their ways and were converted.

In 1774, the Rev. Philip Gatch was made assistant to the superintendent of the conference and in 1777, was one of a committee of five chosen to act in the place of the superintendent who returned to England, he being placed at the head of the committee in 1780.

At the Baltimore conference, which began May 20, 1777, Rev. Gatch received an appointment to Sussex circuit, in Virginia. He was in poor health at this time and had to have help. The sufferings and hardships proved too much for him. His lungs became affected as a result of straining his voice while addressing large open air meetings. The work for the remaining years of his ministry was conducted under great physical distress.

During a number of years, 1770 to 1780, the subject of administering sacrament was discussed at the conferences, as the ministers were not ordained, and a committee was appointed to ordain these preachers. Rev. Gatch was the first ordained minister of the Methodist church west of the Alleghany Mountains.

The marriage of Rev. Philip Gatch to Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Powhatan county, Virginia, was solemnized January 14, 1778. The Smith family were among the first families of Virginia, and were of the established church, but some of the family later became ardent supporters of the Methodist church. One of the sons, James, became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On account of his poor health, the conference of 1780 thought best not to assign him to a circuit, but to allow him to work when he could and where he could do the most good. For that reason his name disappeared from the minutes of the conference at this time. Bishop Asbury made several attempts to restore his name, but it was not until a few years before his





death, and then without his knowledge, that this was accomplished.

In order to support his family, Rev. Gatch carried on farming in connection with his preaching, but in no case did he allow it to cause his zeal for his Master's work to lessen. He made such trips as his health and domestic duties would permit, and his persistent efforts were crowned with success in bringing many to Christ, the ever present Savior of men.

In 1780, believing slavery to be against the teachings of the Book, he made a deed to liberate all his slaves, nine in all being named in the deed.

About ten years after his marriage, Rev. Gatch made the first move of his home, which was occasioned by a neighbor building a dam across a creek, backing the water up nearly to the house. Later, he removed to Buckingham county, Virginia, where he purchased 1,000 acres of land, intending to make it his permanent home. He put 500 acres under cultivation, but became convinced that the Northwest territory was a desirable country, and resolved to move there. On October 11, 1798, he, with his brother-in-law, Rev. James Smith, and a friend, Ambrose Ranson, with their families, set out. The party consisted of thirty-six persons, white and colored, and the outfit was made up of two four-horse wagons, one five-horse wagon, a stage drawn by four horses, a lighter two-horse carriage and three saddle horses. The way was very difficult and dangerous, through gloomy valleys, rugged mountains and deep streams. Part of the journey was made by road and part on flat boats on the Ohio river, and many were the accidents narrowly averted. They traveled through Point Pleasant, Chillicothe and Williamsburg and thence to Newtown, where they camped on Turpin's bottom. Here they secured a house for temporary use until a home could be provided. Rev. Gatch had traded his land in Virginia for land on the Miami river, but when he arrived he found that it was not suitable for a settlement, and so bought 1,000 acres in the forks of the Little Miami river. The home was completed in February and the family went at once to their new home, beginning the work of clearing and cultivating the land. This farm is now known as "The Old Gatch Farm."

When Clermont county was established, Rev. Gatch was appointed justice of the peace, and although he felt that he was not competent to fill this office, his work was very satisfactory to all. In 1802, Congress granted to the Northwest Territory



the right to form a constitution and State government on certain principles. Rev. Gatch and James Sargent were elected to represent Clermont county at the convention, which was held in November. The constitution formed at this time was approved by many distinguished men of the day. The legislature the next spring and our subject was solicited to offer himself as a candidate, but he refused. He was elected, without his knowledge, to the office of associate judge of the court of common pleas, later becoming the head of the three associate judges, serving in this capacity for twenty-two years, discharging the important duties of his office in such a way as to secure the confidence of everyone. While he did not profess to be learned in the law, he had great practical knowledge of human affairs, and he aimed to arrive at the justice of every case brought to him. The tract of country between the forks of the Little Miami and to the Scioto rivers was reserved, by Congress, to satisfy military claims, under the service of the Virginia troops in the Revolution, on the continental establishment. Being extensively acquainted in Virginia, and also a practical surveyor, he was very useful to locaters of land under the military system. His position on the bench made him acquainted with the Virginia military titles, and he used this knowledge to perfect the titles of his friends and to settle any controversies, amicably, that arose.

On July 12, 1811, occurred the death of Mrs. Gatch, and her loss was most keenly felt. She was a faithful helpmate to the Rev. Gatch in all the conditions of his eventful life as a pioneer preacher, assisting him in all the laborious work of his ministry. She was ever an inspiration and a guide to him.

The death of Rev. Gatch came in December, his religious activities continuing to the last. His funeral sermon was preached by an old acquaintance, Rev. John Collins, who had fought side by side with him in the cause of the truth. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, on the farm, beside his life companion.

There were others who in those early days manifested equal zeal, eloquence and persuasive powers, and whose labors were richly rewarded in the conversion of souls, but sufficient has been said to show how deep was the religion of this energetic, sacrificing, earnest man of God, who devoted the best years of his life to the ministry. Thus in body, mind and saintly character he stands out in gigantic proportion on the pages of memory, as we recall the history of the past.



## HON. GEORGE P. TYLER.

Hon. George P. Tyler, of Georgetown, Ohio, a man of remarkable personality and of signal achievement in both business and political life, is one of the citizens of Brown county whose useful and eventful career has been of such a character as to bring this section into honorable prominence. Mr. Tyler has long been an active resident of this part of the State and has been closely identified with its interests. His birth took place at Brockets Bridge, Herkimer county, New York, on the 23d of June, 1834. His parents were Hiram and Mary (Platt) Tyler, both natives of New York.

Hiram Tyler was born at Delhi, Herkimer county, in 1811 and died in Indiana in 1842. His wife was born at Brockets Bridge, Herkimer county, in 1810 and passed away November 17, 1888. Mrs. Tyler's people were highly esteemed, industrious residents of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. Her Grandfather Platt was of English parentage and was a Revolutionary soldier and her Grandfather Murray was also a soldier in the Revolutionary war, he being of Irish lineage. Hiram Tyler's father was of French parentage and was active in the War of 1812 and his mother was of German parents who came to this country from Holland. Hiram Tyler was by trade a tanner and was the only one of his family to leave the eastern home to try the fortunes of the West. In the year of 1840 he, with his wife and two children, removed to Allensville, Switzerland county, Indiana, where he engaged largely in the tannery business, but in 1842 he was poisoned in the hand from a hide with which he was working and died five days later. The family of Hiram and Mary (Platt) Tyler was made up of six children, of whom two are now living:

George P., who is the subject of this mention.

Ann, who is the widow of Wash Miller, now resides in Denton, Tex., and her son, Delos Miller, has a large flour mill at Denton.

Hiram died in April, 1910, two years after serving two terms as clerk of the common court of Brown county. He left a wife and seven children—three daughters and four sons. His eldest daughter is the wife of R. J. Stivers, president of the Citizens' National Bank, Ripley, Ohio. Three years after the death of Mr. Tyler, or in 1845, Mrs. Tyler became the wife of Rev. C. C. Philips, a minister of the Christian church.

At the age of six years George P. Tyler accompanied his





parents to Indiana and there, in the schools of Allensville, obtained a fair common school education. When he reached the age of twelve years, Mr. Tyler obtained a position as cabin boy on an Ohio river steam boat, running on the boats in winter and in summer working in a blacksmith shop. In the year of 1850 Mr. Tyler settled in Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, and there entered the plow factory of Mr. John Thompson, where he remained for two years. In 1852 he again changed his location, settling at this time at Georgetown, Ohio, where he conducted a blacksmith shop. He continued in this occupation until 1859, when he removed to Russellville, Ohio, where he turned his attention to the carriage making business. A year later Mr. Tyler was elected assessor of his township on the Democratic ticket over a Republican majority of sixty-five.

The business career of Mr. Tyler was interrupted at this time by the agitation brought about by the Civil war, when he assisted in the organization of the Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer infantry, of which he was made first lieutenant and detailed at once on the staff of Col. James P. Fyffe, commanding the brigade. During the eighteen months spent in the service Mr. Tyler sustained the loss of one of his children by death, in addition to the loss of his home and all it contained, by fire. Adversity further pursued Mr. Tyler, when, by the treachery of his partner in the carriage factory, he was greatly embarrassed financially upon his return from the war. However, he again engaged in the carriage business and went on the road as a traveling salesman in order to meet all of the indebtedness of the firm without sacrificing his integrity by taking advantage of the bankrupt law. He continued in the capacity of traveling salesman until the fall of 1877, when he was elected to the office of Senator by the Democratic party from the Fourth Senatorial district, composed of Brown and Clermont counties. In 1879 he was re-nominated by acclamation and was elected, serving four years in the Senate. He was instrumental in securing many State and district appointments for citizens of Brown county, whose claims had before been almost wholly unrecognized by political parties in State and district appointments. In the fall of 1881 he was elected Probate Judge of Brown county, which position he held for two terms, or six years, with great dignity, honor, and satisfaction to his constituents.

In 1888 Hon. George P. Tyler engaged himself with the



Dayton Blank Book and Printing Company, of Dayton, Ohio, as traveling salesman, and is still in that position, covering a large territory on his trips.

During Gov. McKinley's administration, in April, 1895, he appointed Mr. Tyler as one of the trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Columbus, Ohio, and at the expiration of his term of five years Mr. Tyler was reappointed for another term by Gov. Nash. At the end of that term he was again reappointed by Gov. Herrick.

On March 16, 1854, Mr. Tyler was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Reed, who was born in 1838 in Louisville, Ky., a daughter of C. W. Reed, a prominent business man and at one time county commissioner and postmaster of Georgetown, Ohio, under the administrations of Pierce and Buchanan, and his wife, Mahala (Staten) Reed.

Judge George P. Tyler chose for his second wife Miss Emily Francis Mather, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Henry Witham at the Presbyterian church at Ironton, Ohio, on the 16th of March, 1893. Her death occurred November 10, 1910, at her old home, where she is buried. She left no children. Her parents were Richard and Harriet E. (Stinson) Mather, the former of whom was born in Brooklyn May 30, 1831. He located in Ironton, Ohio, in 1851, where he lived a highly respected life for many years. He passed away April 8, 1911, and his loss was greatly felt by his family and the community in which he lived. He was a son of Col. William Mather, graduate and afterward a professor in the Academy at West Point. Later Col. Mather served as colonel in the United States army and made the first geological survey of New York State, being State geologist of New York until his removal to Ohio, where he was made the first geologist of the State of Ohio, which office he held until his death. He made the first geological survey of Ohio. Mr. Mather was connected with the Bank of Ironton, of which he was cashier for thirty-five years, and was a strong factor in the Ironton City Savings Bank until on the 10th of February before his death. Mrs. Mather died February 22, 1905. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mather were two children, the wife of our subject and Alice M., the wife of Dr. G. R. Davis, who lives in West Virginia.

Judge and first Mrs. Tyler became the parents of ten children, all, with the exception of the second child, having been born in Brown county, Ohio. Those living are as follows:





Clara, widow of Rev. Henry Witham, a Methodist minister who died in January, 1909. She now resides with her father. Her family consisted of three children: Georgiana, who died at the age of sixteen, Homer and Charles.

Kate married John A. Jennings and lives in Georgetown, Ohio, and has six children, four boys and two girls, to-wit: Howard and Clarence, who reside in Dayton, and Mary and Mae, teachers. Mary teaches in Georgetown public schools, Georgetown, and Mae teaches in township school. Wilfred and John Warren, young boys at home with their mother.

George P. Tyler, Jr., married Miss Judith Leggett June 23, 1887, and they have one son, George P., third. Both he and his son are practicing physicians of Ripley, Ohio.

Charles married Miss Lizzie Mann December 24, 1891, and resides at Blanchester, Ohio. They have three children in their family: Lolo, wife of Robert Stevens Stivers, Jr., of Ripley, Ohio, where he is connected with the Citizens' National Bank. His father is president and his uncle is cashier of the bank. Stanley and Edith are at home.

Hiram married Miss Nannie Moore, of Georgetown, Ohio, their residence being at Atlanta, Ga. They have four daughters, Beatrice, Gerene, Judith and Virginia.

Alvah married Miss Lou Inskeep, of Russellville, Ohio. They are the parents of two daughters, Clara May and Mary Alice.

The death of Mrs. Tyler from pneumonia, occurred December 29, 1891. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Judge Tyler affiliates with the following named lodges: The Free and Accepted Masons, Highland Lodge, No. 38; Georgetown Chapter; Barren Council, Georgetown, Ohio; Highland Commandery, K. T., Hillsboro, Ohio; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Georgetown, Ohio; and charter member of Ripley Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Ripley, Ohio; the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias at Dayton, Ohio; charter member of Capital Council, No. 87, Royal Arcanum, of Columbus, Ohio; and a member of the J. C. McCoy Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, Columbus, Ohio.

For many years Judge Tyler has been one of the leading members of the Presbyterian church to which denomination he has ever been most liberal in support. In his younger days he took a very active part in all church affairs and for many years was an office holder.



Judge Tyler is a typical business man, quiet, conservative and industrious, and as quick to grasp as to see an opportunity. He is gifted with the ability to comprehend large propositions without ignoring the inconspicuous. His life has been one of uprightness and justice, always conscientious in the discharge of his duties while in public office, and as a man and a citizen, he stands high in the estimation of the community. A man of affairs, he has wielded a wide influence, his opinions doing much to mold public thought and action.

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### EDMUND MARTIN.

The death of Edmund Martin at his home on the North Pole pike in Union township, June 30, 1912, removed from Brown county, Ohio, one of its most eminent and honorable citizens. For years he was associated with the agricultural and commercial interests of this locality and was one of the most noted and extensive dealers in fine horses in the Ohio valley.

The family from which he sprang was of the oldest in Brown county, his grandfather, Elijah Martin, having erected the home in Union township, which is a substantial structure of brick. Elijah Martin was a native of Maryland and in 1804 went to Kentucky, settling at Maysville, where he remained for two years, after which he located near Aberdeen, Brown county, Ohio. In 1812 he recruited the First Ohio Rifle company and was chosen as captain. After the war he returned to his home and carried on the business of general farming until his demise in August, 1855. His wife, Rebecca Boggs, was a native of Virginia and her death occurred in 1860. They were both prominently identified with the Methodist church for many years. Elijah Martin filled the office of Justice of the Peace for a period of twenty years.

The birth of Edmund Martin, of this mention, occurred in Huntington township May 17, 1837, and he was a son of Edmund Martin, who was a horseman of considerable note.

The subject of this review, Edmund Martin, was a great lover of horses and was an authority of more than local prominence and his superior judgment was recognized generally by horsemen and others. In 1857 he received the indorsement of a number of State officials, including the Governor, recom-



mending him to the British government as a competent judge and a man in every way honorable and responsible. In that year he shipped a carload of horses to England and later shipped another, making the trip with them and making very successful sales. For some fifty years Mr. Martin shipped many carloads of horses to the Boston and New York markets and probably handled more good draft horses than any other dealer shipping to eastern markets, at times shipping three and four carloads per week.

Mr. Martin owned some five hundred acres of land in Huntington and Union townships, which included the home which was built by his grandfather, Elijah Martin, and the home farm. This land is still owned by members of the family.

In the year of 1862 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Catherine, daughter of Robert Stephenson, and they had eight children, of whom three and his wife are deceased. Their names follow: Minnie, Fannie, Edmund, Bernie and Maggie. Mary, Eva and Katie are deceased. Mrs. Martin died February 18, 1889, and was buried February 20th, the forty-ninth anniversary of her birth.

Mr. Martin was a staunch Republican and, although a busy man, always took an active interest in all affairs.

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### HON. JOHN SHAW.

Hon. John Shaw, deceased, figured prominently in the affairs of Clermont county for many years, and his enterprise and capabilities won for him an honored name. He was a farmer and stock raiser, being one of the first to introduce the Durham Short Horn cattle into the county, also making a specialty of well bred sheep and hogs. Mr. Shaw was a large land owner, having tracts of land in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, some of which is still in the family. Mr. Shaw was born in Ohio township, Clermont county, April 1, 1810, and died November 1, 1896, having spent his entire life in the county.

In political views, Mr. Shaw was an earnest Democrat, giving his support to that party throughout his active life. He served the county in the office of deputy county auditor and was a member of the constitutional convention, in 1873.

Hon. John Shaw was a son of John Shaw and a grandson of James Shaw, the latter being born in Belfast, Ireland, com-







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HON. JOHN SHAW



ing to America, alone, when he was fifteen years of age, about 1770 or 1771, he having been bound out. The family to whom the boy, James, was bound, settled in York county, Pennsylvania, and when the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted in the army under Lafayette, serving throughout the war. James Shaw brought his wife and family, in 1795, to Limestone (now Maysville), Ky., but shortly after settled near Alexandria, Campbell county, Kentucky, where he secured and improved considerable wild land. After living to a good old age, James Shaw passed peacefully away, in 1825, leaving an untarnished record and an unspotted reputation.

John Shaw, son of James, was born in 1779. As a young man he served two terms, at different times, in the Ohio legislature. About 1808, John Shaw located in Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he secured a large tract of wild land, which he improved and resided on until his death, in 1847. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was reared a strict Presbyterian, but became a believer in the Universalist doctrine. John Shaw served in the War of 1812, receiving an honorable discharge. He married Nancy Morin from Culpeper county, Virginia, who came by horseback to Kentucky with her father, the family settling in Campbell county. She and her husband reared six sons and four daughters to maturity, all of whom are married. James, the eldest son, went to Texas when a young man, and was a pioneer and active in the early political history of that State, and served in the Mexican war. The second, John, is the subject of this review. Robert and Joseph went to Missouri, the former being killed in the Civil war, he being a carrier of the mail and a Union man in belief. Jonathan served two terms as county commissioner in Clermont county, residing in Monroe township.

The Hon. John Shaw married Miss Ida Webb, who was born near Cincinnati, September 17, 1812, and died September 8, 1900. She was a daughter of General Clayton and Jane (Riggs) Webb, the latter a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier and a resident of New Jersey. Gen. Clayton Webb served in the War of 1812, and was a personal friend of William Henry Harrison. General Webb was one of the early settlers of Hamilton county, Ohio, and was a member of the early Ohio legislature. He owned a great deal of land about Newtown.

An unusually long life together was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, they having been married sixty years, lacking three months. To their union were born five children:





Nancy, who married Francis E. Bettle, of Ohio township.

Clayton W., who died a soldier of the Civil war, a member of Company M, Fifth Ohio cavalry.

James Fremont, who resides in Campbell county, Kentucky, aged sixty-five years. He married Miss Lula Reed, who died in 1912. They have five sons and two daughters.

John C., farmer and stockman of Monroe township, married, 1875, Miss Sallie Goble, a daughter of Stephen and Alice (Brown) Goble. They have had four children, three of whom are living.

Viola, who is the wife of Elwood Reed, of Detroit, Mich. They have two children living.

When Mr. Shaw was called to his final rest, Clermont county lost one of its most valued men, whose business success came to him through the utilization of opportunities and the recognition of the fact that the present, not the future, is the time to put forth one's best efforts and energies for the attainment of success. He was never remiss in his duties whether in office or out of it, and was an advocate of all progressive measures for the general good of the community, ever ready to give his aid to all worthy enterprises. His life was active and his actions manly and sincere.

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### REV. MATTHEW GARDNER.

The death of Rev. Matthew Gardner on October 10, 1873, removed from Southern Ohio a man whose life work was in the ministry of the Gospel and whose life was devoted to doing good—a sincere Christian gentleman whose memory is held dear not only in the hearts of his descendants, but by his legion of friends and their families.

The birth of Rev. Matthew Gardner occurred in Stephenstown, N. Y., December 5, 1790. His forefathers came from England to America and settled in Rhode Island about 1685 or 1690. Being devoted adherents of the principles of George Fox, and of the religious denomination of Friends, commonly called Quakers, a people not tolerated by the Puritans then settling in Massachusetts and Connecticut, they settled in Rhode Island, where all forms of religious worship and all varieties of doctrines were tolerated.

Rev. Gardner's father was born in Rhode Island September



13, 1760; his second wife, nee Lucy Hawks, was born in Connecticut September 29, 1762. The father, when ten years of age, removed with the family to New York, locating near the Massachusetts State line in what is now Rensselaer county, and when about seventeen years of age went into the Revolutionary army. After independence was gained he returned home and settled on a farm of thirty acres of poor land, leasing the same, as was then the custom. He was a carpenter and supported his family mainly by work at his trade. There were ten children, of whom Rev. Matthew Gardner was the fourth.

When he was eight years of age the boy Matthew was hired out, but two years later, in 1800, the father sold his leasehold and the family started, September 1, 1800, for the north-western territory of Ohio, having but one small wagon, with three horses, and other means correspondingly limited. They reached Pittsburgh, then a small village, by October 1, and then were joined by four other families, all flatboating down the Ohio river. Four weeks later they arrived at Limestone, now Maysville, Ky. The father traded two horses for one hundred acres of land on the Ohio side, now Brown county, landing two miles below the site of Ripley. The father and sons erected a cabin into which the family moved about January 1, 1801.

In 1809 Matthew Gardner left home and went to Cincinnati, where he hired on a flatboat going to New Orleans, reaching there in May. About the time of arrival in New Orleans he suffered a severe spell of fever and there during the illness became converted and was ever after a devout Christian. After a long, hard trip he reached home October 20, 1809, and began studying preparatory to entering the ministry. He was baptized in the West fork of Eagle creek by Elder Archibald Alexander in October, 1810. Religious meetings were frequently conducted by this Christian preacher at the Gardner home. The church where Rev. Gardner began preaching was organized by Elder Alexander in the fall of 1810 and was one of the first Christian churches in Southern Ohio. Rev. Gardner followed the carpenter's trade for some years. He received his first letter from the Kentucky Conference, of which he was a member, September 8, 1812.

On May 20, 1813, he was wedded to Miss Sally, daughter of Jephtha and Sally Beasley, and in July of the same year he enlisted as a soldier and went to Upper Sandusky for a short



time, the victory of Commodore Perry rendering the services of his command unnecessary.

In 1813 Rev. Gardner purchased one hundred acres of land from his father-in-law and moved to the place January 1, 1814, where he resided for some sixty years. There were ten acres cleared and the remainder Rev. Gardner cleared. Thus he operated and improved his farm and also filled appointments and made trips as a Christian minister. He had a powerful, though pleasant, voice and was a pleasing speaker and singer; was robust, standing six feet and one inch and weighing about two hundred pounds.

On March 2, 1818, Rev. Gardner was ordained according to order of the Kentucky Christian conference, and the following years organized several churches, the first being Union Church in the western part of Brown county, two miles from Higginsport, on the Ohio river, in 1818. This church soon numbered some two hundred members. Later he organized a church on the Big Indian creek in Clermont county, Ohio. In 1820 he organized a Christian church at Bethel and formed a regular circuit in parts of Brown and Clermont counties, which took him about two weeks to get around. He was present and assisted in the organization of the Southern Ohio Christian Conference in October, 1820, the meeting of elders and messengers being held at the Christian church at the forks of Brush creek in Adams county. Rev. Gardner started, at his own expense, a church paper—the first in the then so-called West—and was editor of the paper, which was called "The Christian Union." The first number was issued in May, 1841—a monthly in magazine form.

Rev. Matthew Gardner's wife died September 20, 1869. Her birth occurred in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, September 12, 1794. They lived in wedlock fifty-six years and four months. Rev. Gardner preached the Gospel for sixty-three years. The marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Gardner was blessed with eleven children, more extended mention of whom is made in a sketch of Mr. John W. Gardner on another page of these volumes.

Personally, Rev. Matthew Gardner was a man of winning presence, impressing others with confidence, and pleasing those with whom he came in contact by his genial manner and genuine courtesy. His name is inscribed among those who have stood high in the affections of the people of Ohio.





## LIEUTENANT JOHN QUINCY A. PARK.

As long as youthful hearts throb with love for their country, that long will American boys wonder much about the brave days of '61 to '65. The exact story of one boy from Old Clermont who followed Grant to Appomattox should be worth a place in its history.

John Quincy A. Park, the eldest son of John and Elizabeth Park, born in Williamsburg, December 21, 1843, was the boy who was to have that unique distinction. He had played his urchin days so that he loved a horse almost as much as is told of the great general, but he was still in the village school, with no larger thought than beating the drum for the village band. So, when the echoes from Fort Sumter rolled to the North, it was up to him to beat the larum drum in Williamsburg and down to Batavia and back home, while older people looked after the smaller details of fixing enlistment papers and getting orders about things. When the roll was ready, he held his drum with one hand and signed his name with the other. As he came out of the crowd, girls badged the left lapel of his coat with red, white and blue ribbons to show that he was "One of the volunteers." And he felt very brave. But the next morning as he bade parents and sisters and other excited and exciting friends good-bye, and mounted the band wagon rolling away to camp, and looked down the hill toward home that might never be seen again, his eyes grew so full with tears that he could not see the drum he was wildly beating. Before starting, figured papers were pasted under his heels so that he could say he was over eighteen.

And so he went with the "Clermont Guards" as Company E in the Twenty-second Ohio, from April 23 to August 19, 1861. During that time, he drummed while General McClellan won his first laurels in West Virginia. While he was learning to grumble like a soldier that had had enough, a letter came stating that he was wanted as a drummer in the Twenty-seventh Regimental Band. Straightway war was not so terrible, and he just stopped to say so to the folks at home, as he hurried on to overtake his band at St. Louis, and to notice that the East Fork seemed to flow toward the Mississippi. He again mustered in as a musician, on September 4, 1861, and helped swell the din of Fremont's campaign in Missouri, and then Hunter's, and then Pope's New Madrid Expedition. Then he was transferred to beat the long roll—too long—for Hal-



leck's "Siege of Corinth." But the band was discharged on August 17, 1862. Having grown taller and tired of drumming, he re-enlisted as a private in Captain William H. Ulrey's Company, M of the Second Ohio cavalry. Sometime having passed in recruiting, he was mustered in for another three years on November 6, 1862, and soon made a sergeant. The regiment took the field in an incessant chase after the wily John Morgan, that passed into the movement known as "Morgan's Raid Through Indiana and Ohio." That raid was halted by the all night ride of a body that included Sergeant Park's squad. That body appeared in a charge down the river hills on Morgan's flank and clinched his disastrous defeat at Buffington Island.

Then, for four months more, the Second Ohio cavalry was in constant conflict with terrible guerrilla bands that brought half rations and dismay to Rosecrans at Chattanooga, and Burnside's at Knoxville, until Grant planned the victories of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Next followed the transfer of Grant to the East, when he took Sheridan, and Custer, who chose the Second Ohio cavalry for part of his command. And then followed a year of the most brilliant cavalry strategy in the story of wars. It was the strategy in which Custer, "The Glorious Boy," under the eye of Sheridan, led his troopers around Richmond and about the flanks of Lee's resolute battalions, and up and along the Shenandoah. Ah, the bravery of those days when they seldom finished breakfast before the fight began. "What makes your face so white, Captain?" said young Park to Ulrey, as their line stood waiting for the expected order to charge. "The same thing that is making your boots rattle in the stirrups," said Ulrey with a glance at the feet of the nervous youth. Before the campaign was begun, the first lieutenant quit, and before the campaign was half done, Captain Ulrey and Second Lieutenant Lough died from wounds taken in awful battles; and soon, two-thirds of the company could march and fight no more. Thirty years after he was asked: "Where were you when Lee surrendered?" "I was there," he answered. "Yes, but where do you mean by there?" "Why, right there, at McLean's House. My company formed the line on one side where General Lee and his officers rode by; and where General Grant on his black horse came wearing a private's overcoat."

A search of the reports and map showed that he was there, and more besides. He had been in seventy odd named engage-





ments with fatal casualties, and had had seven horses shot under him. And he got there after dark the night before, in the headlong chase for the crossing of the Appomattox. His company on the extreme southwest of all rode against and filed to the right, while he passed to the left and fell under his thrice mortally wounded horse in front of the log blacksmith shop that marked the end of Lee's magnificent marchings. Drenched with the blood of the dying horse whose struggles seemed to be crushing the leg beneath, Park lay in the extreme southern point not of the last ditch, but of the last road over which Lee could not prolong his southward retreat. Presently, Park freed his leg and found his company going into camp nearby, with the supposition that he had been killed. As the night wore on, the rest of Custer's cavalry and Sheridan's corps came up and were massed across the road. Lee's weary men, straining for the same point, came up in the night and the lines became so entangled that many found themselves prisoners in the morning before the actual surrender. But for the long discipline of the men, the tumult would have exceeded the imagination of a Milton. A dramatic interest is found in the going of the great generals into their conference amid the presented arms of a guard line formed by a company partly from Grant's native Clermont and paraded by the lithe young sergeant, whose commission, due the August before, was still in waiting, because of the vast haste and waste of the war. Sergeant Park never asked for promotion, and because of his long absence and the death of his officers without recommending his service, the matter was not pressed at home. At last, because of his record and through the generals in the field, he was promoted, June 28, 1865, to be second lieutenant of Company A of his regiment, and then commissioned to be first lieutenant. The Second Ohio cavalry was selected for duty pending the result of the French invasion of Mexico, and he was not discharged until September 11, 1865.

After the war, Lieutenant Park went to Kansas, whence he came back, and on May 17, 1875, married Clara, only daughter of David and Margaret (Smith) McClung, of Williamsburg. Then for several years, he lived in Phillip county, Kansas. They had three children. Flora, the oldest, died in her ninth year, at Missouri Valley, Iowa. After that they lived in Lincoln, Neb., and then in Des Moines, where Clara died March 3, 1903, leaving a son, William A., and a daughter, Margaret. William A. and Nora Park have recently removed



from Des Moines, to De Kalb, Ill., where he is employed by the American Steel & Wire Company. Margaret married Hale C. Davis, of Jamestown, N. D., where they are living and have one daughter, named Cleda. John Quincy A. Park's address for several years has been with the American Steel & Wire Company of Chicago.

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### JOHN W. GARDNER.

Mr. John W. Gardner, who is successfully engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in Brown county, Ohio, owns and operates (in common with his children now living at home) his well cultivated farm of one hundred and thirty acres in the northeast part of Union township. Mr. Gardner was born on this farm, April 17, 1836, and is a son of Rev. Matthew, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Rev. Matthew and Sally (Beasley) Gardner were the parents of eleven children, namely:

Barton Beasley, who was born March 27, 1814, was a farmer and extensive tobacco dealer. He married Susannah Elliott October 20, 1836.

Sallie Ann, who was born December 5, 1815, married Michael Shinkle, December 1, 1836. Mr. Shinkle was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife are deceased.

George Washington, born January 30, 1818, was by occupation a farmer and tobacco dealer. He married Eliza Slack December 30, 1841. He also is now deceased.

Jeptha Monroe, who was born April 10, 1820, followed the occupation of general farming and tobacco growing. He married Margaret Dalton December 9, 1842, and is deceased.

Lucy Eliza, born March 28, 1823, married William J. Lindsey on May 2, 1841. They were farmers and are deceased.

Louisa Maria, born September 15, 1825, became the wife of Abner De Vore, a farmer, on March 5, 1846. She died December 6, 1860.

Julia Elmira, born April 7, 1828, was the wife of Samuel Hopkins, a farmer and trader. Her marriage took place May 17, 1848.

James Alexander, born November 13, 1830, died July 24, 1851.

Mary Jane, who was born July 25, 1833, married George



W. Kindell January 1, 1861. She resides at Manchester, Ohio, and is past eighty years of age.

John Wickliffe, our subject.

Elnathan Matthew, who was born September 12, 1839, was a farmer and also engaged in the livery business in Ripley, Ohio.

Mr. John W. Gardner was reared and has resided on his present home farm all his life thus far. He received a good common school education and under his father's instruction became a practical and successful farmer. During the past years Mr. Gardner gave a considerable attention to the Equity tobacco business, having now a small interest in a tobacco manufacturing plant at Covington, Ky.

Mr. Gardner was united in marriage on April 27, 1857, to Miss Nancy Jane Boggs, who was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, December 23, 1840. She is a daughter of William and Lorinda (Bilew) Boggs, the former of whom was killed in a mill explosion—the Buckeye Mill—about 1845. He left three children: Mrs. Gardner; Ruth Ann (Coburn), deceased; and Riley, who resides in Union township, Brown county, and is a farmer.

The mother, Mrs. Boggs, married a second time, Mr. Richard Weeks, and they were the parents of six children, of which all but one are living and are scattered throughout the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are the parents of the following named children:

Florence Bell, born February 18, 1858, married Edgar L. Martin, who went west some years ago. She died November 29, 1885, leaving one daughter, Pearl D., who died at the age of five years.

Charles Walter, born August 27, 1859, resides at Aberdeen, Ohio, having a farm near there. He married Alice Gray and they have two sons, Walter Gray and Eugene Myron.

Louis Oscar, born October 18, 1860, is a farmer and trader residing in Huntington township. He married Janett Buchanan and they have three sons: Stacy Earl, undertaker and furniture dealer, of Ripley, Ohio; Thomas and Charles Hugo. The third child, Frank Sherman, died in childhood.

Miss Melinda Alice, born September 5, 1862, is at home.

Frank Sherman, born September 30, 1864, died August 31, 1891.

George Washington, born September 2, 1866, resides at





Bloomingsburg, Ohio, where he is engaged in the hay and straw business. He married first, Elizabeth Smith, who was born in England, in 1863, by whom he had two children: Wilbert Samuel and Viola Florence. His first wife, Elizabeth (Smith) Gardner, died March 21, 1900, after which he married Emma J. Eyler.

William Mattthew, born September 18, 1868, is a farmer in Byrd township, near Decatur, Ohio. He married Agnes Stephenson.

Stacy Emmerson, born September 11, 1870, is at home.

Miss Hattie May, born April 24, 1872, at home.

Frederick Eugene, born March 21, 1874, died January 20, 1907.

In politics, Mr. Gardner was for many years a Republican, but in recent years has voted the Independent ticket. He has served twice as real estate assessor of Union township, and was once nominated by the People's party as representative from Brown county to the State legislature.

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#### HUGH ELLIS TWEED.

Mr. Hugh Ellis Tweed was born on the farm where he now resides, in Union township, November 11, 1868, and is a son of Marion and Miriam (Day) Tweed. The mother was reared near Georgetown, Ohio, and is still residing on the farm with her son, at the ripe age of seventy-two years. She is a daughter of Ellis and Miriam (Mann) Day, of an early Brown county family. The father, Marion Tweed, was born in Union township, in 1836, and was a resident of that community until his death, which occurred in March, 1901. A farmer by occupation he was successful along this line of endeavor. He served his country during the Civil war as a corporal in the One Hundred and Seventy-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Marion Tweed was a son of John Tweed, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1791, and who died in 1859.

John Tweed, like the other members of the family, was a farmer and owned large tracts of western land, beside his home farm. He, too, gave faithful service to the defense of his country, in her time of need, having served thirteen months as ensign in Captain Seaton's company during the War of



1812. He was a son of Archibald Tweed, who in 1798 settled on a part of the farm which is now occupied by his great grandson, the subject of this sketch. Archibald was a son of Robert Tweed, and came to Brown county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, which was his birthplace. His death occurred on his farm in Union township. That these men and their families were pioneer residents goes without mention, the many incidents of savage encounter and early privation remaining unto the present day as interesting family history.

The subject of this sketch owns and controls three hundred and thirty acres of improved and highly cultivated land, which is well devoted to stock raising and general farming, including corn, wheat, tobacco and the other crops of the section. Located near the birthplace of the famous burley variety of tobacco much of his land is successfully devoted to the production of same, the yearly returns from the tobacco crop often amounting to more per acre than the value of land on which it was grown. Mr. Tweed's farms are managed by careful business methods, the appearance of same revealing at once the personality of the manager. Buildings and fences are well kept, employes are comfortably provided for, the whole suggesting a situation of systematic comfort.

Mr. Tweed completed his education at the agricultural college of the Ohio State University. While in college he enjoyed the highest honor within the gift of his class of more than one hundred, this fact, according to his own statement, being one of the most pleasant experiences of his entire life. It was said of him by the dean of the institution that "I regard him as a man of very unusual ability," and that while in college "he was a leader and so regarded by both students and faculty," also that "he is already well known throughout the State by his writings for the agricultural press." Since fourteen years of age he has been a contributor to the agricultural literature of the country, and at the present time he is regularly employed by two of the leading farm journals. His contributions are generally brief and always to the point and are eagerly sought by publishers. Diverging from his chosen subject he occasionally writes upon other themes, one of these articles, published in an Eastern magazine, carrying off the leading honor in a hotly contested prize offering.

Although yet a young man, the subject several years ago completed a successful business experience as a seedsman. His carefully prepared and unique catalogues, punctual ser-





vice, square methods and good commodities made for him a trade consisting of thousands of customers. It was soon found, however, that this business and the farm were too much for one man to attend without overwork, and being a child of the soil the same soon found him engaged in his original vocation. He has said that had he decided to make the mere accumulation of money his life work he would have chosen the seed business instead of the farm. Retaining some attachment to the seed business the growth of seed corn was continued as a specialty and with characteristic success thousands of bushels of the same have been sold, the only limit in sales being that of production.

Mr. Tweed is an original thinker, thoroughly conversant with current agricultural matters, and methods, it being said of him by a competent authority that a visit to his farm and home will reveal more original up-to-date information than can be found in a day's journey. It has also been said of him that an hour's talk on farm subjects may be worth many dollars to the hearer, and for this, as well as other reasons, he has been repeatedly invited to do lecture work. Recognizing his judgment and tact, he has several times been called to the State and National capitals when important agricultural matters were under consideration. Recently, when the subjects of Canadian reciprocity was before Congress he was called to Washington, where he and many other unsuccessfully opposed the measure.

Mr. Tweed's home life is pleasant in the extreme. A home lover from the beginning he erected a comfortable house in the midst of his lands, and brought thereto Miss Ida Louella Cahall, the marriage ceremony taking place November 12, 1899. Miss Cahall had an extended college experience, and was for quite a while connected with the educational functions of the county. She was reared in Pleasant township and is a daughter of A. P. and Emma (Daugherty) Cahall, they being members of old Brown county families. Mr. and Mrs. Tweed have two daughters, Amber Lois and Ida Esther, aged six and three years, respectively. Mrs. Tweed is a member of the New Light church, and Mr. Tweed has been from time to time associated with the same. For ten years he was superintendent of his local Sunday school, during which time the school more than doubled in enrollment and was considered the model organization of that kind in the whole community. In religious belief Mr. Tweed is liberal. He regards the con-



science as the only safe guard and has little concern as to the estimate or opinion of his fellowmen. Creeds and denominations appeal but little to him, and he differs somewhat from many others in that he believes some of the more common sins, which are held aloft, are no worse than others, which pass practically unobserved. Mr. Tweed and family have spent considerable time in the State of Florida, enjoying the benefits of the delightful winter climate, and at present he is arranging to erect a home there, to which to repair every winter. The subject is one of the pioneer automobilists of his section, and is never happier than when out with his family enjoying the varied scenes, which only the motor car can make possible.

Being of a cheerful disposition, with a keen appreciation of the humorous, the subject is a very companionable personage to all who are associated with him, and especially to the children, who never tire of his quaint, but always perfectly clean humor. He detests the man with the vulgar tale, as well as the one who talks much and says little. Although a busy man he always hears attentively the appeal of those who approach him. He was heard to humorously remark that he had heard more appeals from insurance men than any man in the community, and yet never invested a dollar in the same. His success comes first from knowing how, and then in doing things as they come to him thus often accomplishing more in a single day than many others accomplish in a week.

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### HON. JOHN F. GAMES.

Hon. John F. Games, Representative of Brown county to the Ohio Legislature in 1857 and 1858, was a man widely and favorably known in this section of the State as a man of public affairs, a teacher and a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, where his birth occurred March 11, 1810, whose death took place October 1, 1888. He was a son of John Wood and Sarah (Fryer) Games, both natives of Jefferson county Virginia, who came overland with a team and wagon to Brown county in 1807, accompanied by Mr. Gilbert, a brother-in-law.

John Wood Games was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812 and was in the famous lake expedition. The death of



Mrs. Games occurred in 1840, having been the mother of six children, all of whom are deceased. Mr. Games formed a second union with Sarah Haynes, by whom he had two children. One died in infancy and the other, Josephine, became the wife of Mr. Wilson, of Huntington township. Mr. J. W. Games was a consistent member of the Methodist church and died in the faith in 1856, at the age of seventy years.

John F. Games received a good practical education in the subscription schools of Brown county and later taught irregularly for some ten years with great success.

In the year of 1831 Mr. Games was united in marriage to Mary A., daughter of Absalom Gardner, of Highland county, Ohio, by whom he had three children: Evaline, deceased; William B., of Ripley; and Absalom, deceased. Mrs. Games passed from this life in 1836, aged twenty-five years.

For his second wife, Mr. Games chose Amanda, daughter of D. W. Early, and to them were born eleven children, six of whom are yet living: Sarah E., wife of William G. Housh, of Moscow, Clermont county, Ohio; David Watson, who married first, Sarah J. Case, deceased, and second, Cora Atherton, and they reside in Huntington township; Hon. John W., who married Cerelda Porter, was formerly Representative from Miami county to the Kansas Legislature and served as treasurer of Douglas county, Kansas, for five years, being succeeded by his son. Another son, John I. Games, is postoffice inspector for Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana and resides at Lexington, Ky.; Euphemia A. married Samuel Porter and she died in Kansas, Mr. Porter being president of a bank at Waverly, Coffey county, Kansas; Martha F., Johnson Martin, now deceased, and she resides in Cincinnati, where her son, John Q. Martin, is engaged in the practice of law; Maria Power, wife of Dr. William H. Evans, a sketch of whom will be found on another page; Andrew E., who married Mary Cooper, is now postmaster at Aberdeen, Ohio. Those deceased are: Cordelia C., Mary Ellen, Charles F. and Gideon Gilbert. The mother of these children was born March 30, 1817, and passed to her eternal reward August 2, 1893.

Hon. John F. Games was a very successful and prosperous farmer and owned a finely improved farm of three hundred acres in Huntington township. He was scrupulously just in all his dealings and was ever ready to assist in all worthy enterprises. He served in the various township offices and as justice of the peace for a number of years.





Hon. Games embraced the belief of the Methodist church and was a consistent and prominent member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

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### JOSEPH WOODMANSEE.

Joseph Woodmansee is one of the native sons of Clermont county who has won success there and always lived near his birthplace. He was born about a mile from Rural, Clermont county, in 1847, and was the youngest son of Joseph and Sarah (Bonsor) Woodmansee, and his grandparents were very early settlers in Clermont county. Joseph Woodmansee, Sr., was born in Indiana, where his father lived in his earlier years, but accompanied his parents to Clermont county in boyhood and became a farmer. By his first wife, a Miss Smith, he had four children, all now deceased, and by his second marriage he had five children, of whom the only one surviving is the subject of this sketch. The second wife was born in Pennsylvania, in 1808, and died in 1860. The father died in May before the birth of his son, Joseph. A half-brother, James Woodmansee, served in the Civil war from Iowa. An early ancestor of the family, Robert Woodmansee, came from France in early times, locating at Boston, where he taught the first school that was open to the public.

Mr. Woodmansee was educated at Parker's School, near New Richmond, and has always been a great reader. He was left motherless at the age of eleven or twelve years, so has made his own way in the world to a large extent. In 1868 he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Iler, born at Neville, Ohio, in 1846, daughter of Jacob and Mary Iler. Mr. Iler was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county at an early date. He there conducted an old fashioned tannery for many years. The parents were Methodists. Mrs. Woodmansee died June 13, 1907.

For ten years after marriage Mr. Woodmansee carried on farming near Rural, then he built an elevator and became a coal merchant at Rural, remaining in this business for twenty-nine years. He became known for his fair dealing in business. He then retired from this business, which he rented to his son-in-law, Arthur Shinkle, and the latter carries on the enterprise in the same manner as its former proprietor. Mr. Shinkle is a man of enterprise, and has kept up the trade Mr. Woodmansee



had worked up. Mr. Woodmansee lived retired for two years, but did not feel satisfied to be so inactive, after his many years of hard work, and has now engaged in selling monuments throughout the country, as a representative of the Manchester Granite & Marble Works. He is well known and has been successful in this line of work. He is well considered as an upright and progressive citizen, and is much interested in the affairs of his community. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee had six daughters, all born near Rural, namely: Maude, married Lula Broadwell, of Felicity, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Callie, taught school one year, married Arthur Shinkle, and they live at Rural; An-nice, at home; Margaret, taught four years; Grace, has taught school for five years; Hazel, married William Houghton, and has two children—Wayne and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle have two children—Octavia and Alice. Mr. Woodmansee lives in one of the finest homes in Rural. William Hendrickson, a brother-in-law of Mr. Woodmansee, served in the Civil war. Mr. Woodmansee is highly respected as an intelligent and industrious man in business circles and wherever known.

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### BYRON WILLIAMS.

A portrait and sketch of John Williams, of Williamsburg, Ohio, is to be found in Rockey and Bancroft's History of Clermont county, but as that work has been largely taken away from the county, some review of that worthy pioneer is proper.

The traditions of his ancestry cross the ocean to Cromwellian times in Wales; whence, after the Restoration of the Stuarts to the English throne, in 1668, and the ensuing persecutions of the "Old Ironsides," four brothers of the Williams name, with a faith "In a State without a King and a Church without a Bishop," sought physical and religious freedom in America. For, they were classed as "Nonconformists" and "Malcontents," whose bodies were restrained to compensate for the independence of their souls. One of these brothers went to North Carolina. With a faith then persecuted in Massachusetts Colony, the other three accepted the scant toleration of a forest obscurity back from Long Island Sound.

One of that three, Matthew Williams, a Welsh Baptist





preacher, or "Gospeler," as the Cavaliers scornfully called them, among few or many children, had Thomas, who was the father of Timothy, each of whom was also elected by their "Associations" to preach the Gospel. Matthew lived to be one hundred and three, Thomas, one hundred and two, and Timothy nearly one hundred years old. When very old and when the favor seemed to imply a cruel death to all, Thomas was permitted by the Indians to go from a captured block house with the women and children whom he guided to safety. The family register brought to Ohio begins with Timothy and Hester Williams, whose children were Jonas, Ruth, Peter, Robert, Mary, Isaac, Lydia, Benjamin and Thomas. Jonas was born December 26, 1751, and, in boyhood, was captured by the Indians, who bound his ankles so tightly with thongs that his feet froze while the captors slept. Yet, he managed to escape, and, wrapping his feet with his clothing, got back to his friends; but, when healed, in appearance and effect, he was club-footed for life, while otherwise strong and very active. Because of lameness he became a currier in New York City, and then a miller, and, to fill in the waiting hours while grinding, a shoe maker. He too was chosen to preach the saving ordinance of immersion, the futility of infant baptism, the virtue of close communion, and to practice the austere simplicity that had made Cromwell's "Ironsides" the founders of modern civil and religious liberty. Although his descendant writing these lines is a careless Gallio concerning much ancestral doctrine, he is not forgetful of the fadeless glory of such political service for humanity.

Jonas Williams married Eleanor Ward, who was born at or near New York, November 11, 1748, and was the youngest of the five children of Timothy Ward, whose other children were Phoebe, Zebina, Sarah and Susannah. Rebelling through life against his crippled feet Jonas and Eleanor went from the Jersey side of New York to be a part of the Wyoming Enterprise, to which he was probably persuaded by his Connecticut relatives. He built and operated one of the several mills in the valley and there, on May 23, 1776, their first child, Zebina, was born. The second child, Robert, was born June 19, 1778. Two weeks later, while at dinner, a horseman rode by crying, "The Indians are coming." Unable to reach the fort and be a soldier, Jonas ordered his brother, Isaac, then seventeen, to yoke the oxen and haul their boat below the dam, while he got the mother and babes with a bed and a sack of flour and bacon



aboard to row away and hide under the willow covered banks. A neighboring woman on a visit there rode hastily away for her own home, but was quickly shot and scalped. After the band had hamstrung the animals, burned the buildings and hurried on, Isaac ventured forth and found that the woman had been stunned by a bullet which glanced from her metal comb, so that through his timely help she was restored to a mutilated life. Young Isaac went into the Revolutionary army, was captured and died in a British prison in New York. After their ruin at Wyoming, the family went to Orange county, New York, where Jonas, Jr., and Isaac, Jr., were born. Having gained a little, Jonas again went to the frontier in that direction in Cayuga county, New York, and built and ran a mill by Lake Cayuga, where is now the town of Genoa.

On January 28, 1798, Zebina Williams, who became an expert wheel and mill builder, married Mary Cooley, who was born September 29, 1781, and joined his father at Genoa, where his oldest child was born, August 24, 1800, and named John Cooley Williams. Mary Cooley was a daughter of John Cooley, who lived in Lower Salem, West Chester county, New York, which is now a part of New York City. He was one of the notable Cooley family, of Connecticut, which furnished more than a score of the name for the Revolutionary army. John Cooley, of Lower Salem, was commissioned as adjutant of the Third New York, often called "The Manor Regiment," under Col. Pierre Van Cortlandt, and, besides much other duty, Adjutant Cooley served as such in the decisive charge at Saratoga, that brought about Burgoyne's surrender. The other children of Zebina and Mary Williams, born in Cayuga county, were Ambrose, Ezra, Warren and Phoebe. In 1810 Zebina Williams, in partnership with John Perin, came down the Alleghany and Ohio, to Columbia. After some residence at Red Bank, where his son, Charles, was born, November 17, 1812, he came two years later for a partnership in milling with Samuel Perin, but living where, in 1819, he built the second brick house in Stonelick township, which is yet a substantial home one mile west of Stonelick creek, on the pike to Milford.

About 1815 Jonas Williams came to Clermont with the rest of his family, but soon went to Indiana, where he was the first settler on and gave his name to the principal branch of White Water river; and there and about Connersville, his name and line are worthily continued. As soon as possible, Robert





Williams was among the first in Iowa as a pioneer of Louisa county; and the descendants of other branches have gone beyond the Pacific coast. Through more than two centuries, this family has been on the front edge of pioneer enterprise with the reputation of honorable, useful, capable and practical people, who have a goodly record of success as farmers, lawyers, judges, writers, teachers and business men.

The younger children of Zebina and Mary Williams and born in the home on the East Fork were Ann, Vesta, Ira and George. About 1827 Zebina Williams sought relief from the early plague of malaria by moving to the northern hills of Stonelick, yet he died of an acute fever, August 31, 1845, while his father lived to December 7, 1845, and Mary Cooley lived till April 28, 1852.

John Cooley Williams had such early reputation that he was sent before he was twenty "down the Mississippi" as supercargo of a boat load of valuable produce. Such a trip occupied the boating season of a year, and he made nine such trips, mostly for Samuel Perin, the commercial master of Clermont. During those trips, John Williams handled the produce and money that largely constituted the commercial life of northern and central Clermont from 1820 to 1830. In that business, his duty was not only clerical, but he was often required to act as a principal in large transactions, where an error was a failure. Amid the good opinion afterwards accorded, little was valued more than the high respect of the keen old master for his young supercargo. Because of impaired health that boded a decline, he left the "river trade with a reputation for fine judgment and fair dealing that was never tarnished." Yet, his physique was fine and he excelled in wrestling and other pioneer sports and especially so in one. Standing exactly six feet tall clear of all, and weighing less than a score short of two hundred pounds, he gave the unique performance of all such entertainment, by standing erect between two men holding a taut cord so that he could move his head freely without touching the cord. Then taking one step back, with a single springy effort, he could and did jump over the cord and, rising erect, stand a moment and then jump back over the cord without any other apparent effort. The feat has rarely been equalled in the story of athletics. He passed the grades of militia preferment to the rank of colonel, but he eschewed titles and rarely used his middle name.

On November 14, 1830, he married Rachel Copeland Glancy,





who was born January 6, 1813, and was the eldest of the ten children of John and Elizabeth Shields Glancy. Elizabeth Shields was born in Maryland, November 12, 1794, and was the youngest of the ten children of Thomas and Elizabeth Clark Shields, who came to Columbia in the spring of 1795, and to northern Clermont two years later. John Glancy, born November 30, 1786, was the second child of Jesse and Rachel Copeland Glancy, who came to Williamsburg, December 23, 24, 1804, from York county, Pennsylvania. Jesse Glancy was the son, some say grandson, of a Scotch-Irish immigrant, who came with cash in a little trunk still preserved, that enabled him to leave a considerable estate. The lining of that trunk is printed with the date 1726. Jesse Glancy was born in 1756, and died September 1, 1831. His gravestone declares that he was a patriot soldier, and tradition affirms that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and Yorktown. Rachel Copeland Glancy, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, died January 3, 1829, in her seventieth year. Tradition traces her line through a Quaker branch of the family of William Copeland, who married Mary, the second daughter of John and Ruth Alden Bass, and Ruth Alden was the third daughter of John and Priscilla Mullins Alden, of the Mayflower fame. After a life marked with strong mentality, John Glancy died December 29, 1874, in possession of much of the large tract midway between Owensville and Goshen, that his father had taken seventy years before.

John and Rachel Williams were builders of homes each with larger provision for convenience. After the rollicking, adventurous, and often perilous life of those pioneer times in the river trade, he gladly enjoyed the quiet of buying, improving, and selling real estate during the expansive period of the region. That business was followed through forty years without a losing deal. He was a popular teacher until occupied with larger affairs. In 1846 they left the lower Stonelick to improve a purchase on the Wooster Pike just east of Goshen that resulted in four sets of farm homes of more than usual comfort. From there they came in October, 1859, to near Williamsburg, where in 1862-3 they completed the "Williams Homestead," which was most happily enjoyed till his death, March 21, 1876. Memory delights to recall the generous charity of his happy, successful life that, despite the trial of river associations, was never marred by a profane word, a personal brawl or a drunken hour. He was a notable Free Mason, and



she was made a sister of the Eastern Star when that order was first started, and then for a generation forbidden. Although noted as one not long to stay, Rachel Williams lived on with her son in the homestead with a sprightly step and fine memory until July 19, 1904, when, because of a fall, not thought serious at first, she was taken to her room, where the bright, alert, efficient and beauty loving spirit slowly declined until her life of ninety-six years, six months and sixteen days closed, July 22, 1909. Three of their five children died early. Their daughter, sketched and pictured in Rockey and Bancroft's History of Clermont as Mrs. Louisa W. Bishop, of Batavia, was born September 25, 1832, and died in her Batavia home, February 21, 1908, with a spirit that was calmly ready.

Byron Williams, the third and only grown son of John and Rachel Williams, was born April 22, 1843, at their home then on the north bank, about three-fourths of a mile from the mouth of Stonelick creek. In March, 1846, the family moved to the early home in Goshen, and in the fall of 1847 the brick house was finished and occupied, about one mile from Goshen, in the fork of the Blanchester road from the Wooster Pike. That house was the home of the family for twelve years, during which a common school was attended one mile farther east on the Wooster Pike, where there was no lack of ambition in the instruction offered if not taken. In the fall of 1853 algebra was commenced. Olmstead's Natural Philosophy was added, and then Burritt's Geography of the Heavens was undertaken in 1854. Meanwhile, Greene's Analysis and Structure of the English Language was a continuous exercise. Owing to the promotion of one of the class to the position of teacher, the same text books were continued another year. During the next year the course was reviewed for the benefit of another teacher. During the intervals in the scholastic recreations of those four years, the spelling and definitions of the first fourth of Worcester's Academic Dictionary were literally learned and conned by rote to be cast into the teacher's teeth. In 1857, Cutter's Anatomy, Mitchell's Ancient Geography, Classical Dictionary and Lincoln's Botany, all unabridged, were taken. In 1858 the four weeks' session of the teachers' institute in Batavia was a large experience. During the school season of 1858-9 a study of chess was substituted for mathematics. After that a summer term in George H. Hill's Select School, at Owensville, for geometry and surveying, was easy. Such was the course in one of the country district schools in Clermont "before the war."





Though raised on a large farm the amount of a day's plowing was not done. Because of the sequel of a severe attack of scarlet fever in the fourth year, the boy was permitted to ride and hunt at will, and that will was not bad. Without a playmate near, a habit of reading and studying at home was formed that resulted in a love for books, which chiefly included Shakespeare, Milton, Pope, Goldsmith, Addison, Burns, Byron, Scott, Moore, Irving, Hawthorne and the American poets. Everything in the old Ohio School Library was read from the Swiss Family Robinson to the Stones of Venice. In this way the winter of 1859-60 was passed into a summer of squirrel hunting over the father's land in Sterling township. In September, 1860, the classical course was commenced in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and followed there or at home to the last page, except the much disliked metaphysical part. A much coveted share in the Union army was hindered by the persistent fever trouble. The unsought charge of the "Union Schools" of Williamsburg for 1865-66-67 was tendered and accepted. Then, for eleven years, needed assistance was given in the extensive business of the aging father. For some five years after 1872, considerable profit was gained in a partnership with John Park for the manufacture of the American Pruner. In 1875-76 much time was used in administering upon the estate of the maternal grandfather, John Glancy. In 1876-77 time, energy and money were freely spent in securing the Cincinnati & Eastern Railroad. Much time was occupied in 1876-77-78 as the executor of his father's estate. His time was still farther employed in 1878-79-80-81 as superintendent of the Williamsburg schools.

In 1879 a partnership was formed with Oscar Snell for the manufacture of novelty goods in wood, for which an eighty-horse power engine and saw mill were placed on Lot No. 59, with an iron roofed and sided building 40x130 feet, well stocked with machinery. But, in the financial stringency of that period, manufacturing interests suffered most of all, and so the promising but ill-timed firm of Snell and Williams was closed in 1885, and all the debts were paid by Williams, who quit manufacturing with some loss and much experience.

In November, 1884, the unsought appointment as school examiner for Clermont county was accepted from Judge James B. Swing, to be in a board with James Hulick and the justly celebrated educator Dr. Frank B. Dyer. That association was a turning point to a more definite concentration of effort for a



better purpose than a chase for coin. In September, 1885, the duty of superintending the Williamsburg schools was taken for two years, during which the high school at that place was established and the first class of ten students was graduated April 21, 1886. The duties of the president of the Clermont County Teachers' Institute during the sessions of 1886 and 1887 at New Richmond were done when and where the greatest expansion of that institution was attained. In September, 1887, the duty of superintending the Milford schools was undertaken and performed for three years. A purpose to undertake work on the public platform was delayed by urgings to go on the front line in the original effort to introduce and establish graduation from the common schools as a prime factor of our educational system. The success of that effort has been mentioned on another page. If Byron Williams had done nothing else for mankind, the work of that year gratuitously given is worth to his memory all that it cost him. For, in that result, his work as a public school teacher, in the pleasant words of Dr. Dyer, "closed in a blaze of glory." With that and nine years as a school examiner, the best at home, for a teacher, had been attained. The village had been served three terms in the council, and, when not teaching, ten years in the board of education. Clermont Social Lodge of the Masonic fraternity had had nineteen years of official service, of which ten were in the master's chair.

Chances to teach larger schools abroad were not considered but, instead, several trips were made to our navy yards, government shops and military posts, where much study was given from the civil point of view to our naval strength. After other lecture work, the lecture on "Our New Navy" was placed on the professional platform for the season of 1892-3, and won immediate favor. A lecture on "Our Young Defenders," or Cadet Life at West Point and Annapolis; and another named, "From the Ohio to the Hudson via Vicksburg and Appomattox," or From the Cradle to the Tomb of Grant, were added with fine public approval. This work was continued through twenty-five States and until 1900, with a gratifying mass of press clippings. Then a history was prepared for Thirey and Mitchell's Encyclopedic Work on Clermont County.

The time between February, 1907, and May, 1908, was intensely occupied with the composition and imposition of the Centennial History of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, which is rated by librarians as the most profusely and elegantly illus-



trated county work yet published. The preparation of a fitting text for the beautiful pages, while a grateful was also a most exacting task. Besides other prose and metrical work, both published and unprinted, much of a history of Cincinnati and Hamilton county was written for an unfinished work. Much of the year 1912 and 1913 has been employed with the historical part of these volumes.

Except for temporary absence, Byron Williams has lived since December 9, 1862, in the ancestral home, still more endeared by the presence of the wife he married, June 14, 1866, and as the birthplace of their children. Mrs. Williams, once known as Katherine Park, is the third daughter of John and Elizabeth Park, as told on other pages of this work, in which their son, Maj. Dion Williams, is also sketched. Their daughters, Ella and Louise, are graduates of the Williamsburg High School. Louise married Charles R. Kain, for six years a clerk in the Cincinnati postoffice, and the eldest child of Albion T. and Elizabeth Kain, mentioned in the sketch of the Kain family. The children of Charles R. and Louise Kain are Eldon Williams and Katherine Eloise.

Though trained, believing and efficient in home making, as the best of woman's life, Katherine Park Williams has shared in the trend of the time. While in Milford, in 1887 to 1890, she was one of the Beechhurst Circle that developed into the Progress Club. On returning to Williamsburg, in 1890, at her home was organized the Friendship Circle that was followed, in 1897, by the Vesta Club. In these societies for woman's sake every call was faithfully answered. In 1886 she was a charter member of the largely successful J. H. Jenkins Woman's Relief Corps, of which she was secretary and president four or five years each. She was secretary of the association that erected the beautiful Soldiers' Monument in Williamsburg. She was all but unanimously elected a member of the Williamsburg board of education, of which she was chosen clerk, and then president, for one year each. As the daughter of a Mason and the wife of another, she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which her daughter, Ella, is also a member, and has served numerous years as secretary of Celestine chapter. Ella Williams has been closely associated with club affairs, in which she has been secretary and president, with much work on executive committees. But her chief concern has been to secure for the community a public library, of which she has freely and continuously served as the librarian.





## JOHN MEEK.

Mr. John Meek is the owner and operator of one of the best improved farms of eighty acres in Clermont county, Ohio, it being situated in the southeastern part of Batavia township. He carries on a general farming and fruit growing business, and along these lines he has met with great success.

Mr. Meek was born in Stonelick township, May 8, 1849, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (McFarland) Meek, the latter of whom died some years ago, at the age of eighty-three years. John Meek, Sr., was a native of Germany and came to America with his parents when he was a boy. They settled in Stonelick township, but later removed to Batavia township. He spent over three years in the Civil war, in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, as a non-commissioned officer. Both he and his estimable wife were active members of the Methodist church, helping to build the church at Afton, Ohio.

From early boyhood, our subject has resided in Batavia township, and here he received his education. He is one of six children, the others being:

Truman, died at the age of sixteen years.

Maria, is the widow of Perry Wharton, of Sidney, Ohio.

George, a resident of Kansas.

Thomas, of Afton, Ohio, is the owner of a one hundred acre farm in Williamsburg township, Clermont county.

Belle, is the wife of Mr. East, of Washington, D. C., who holds a government position at that place.

Mr. John Meek married Miss Ella Harrison, daughter of Charles and Ann (Parker) Harrison, the former a native of Canada, who is a resident of Bethel, where he is living in retirement. He was school examiner and county auditor of Clermont county, Ohio, for a number of years.

Mrs. Meek passed from this life when a young woman, leaving four children:

Sidney, died in 1908, leaving a wife (nee Miss Tina Slade), daughter of George W. Slade, of Williamsburg, and one child, Lottie.

Eunice, who is now Mrs. John Hughes, Williamsburg township, Clermont county. They have two children, Harold and Grace.

Ethel T., of Clermont county, Ohio.

Marie D., who is the wife of Harry Haskell, of Clover, Ohio. They have one child, Lucille.



The second marriage of John Meek took place September 15, 1901, to Mrs. Mary (Johnson) Lever, who has the following children:

Dr. W. E. Lever, of Owensville, Ohio.

Charles Lever, of Cincinnati, a lawyer of that place. He was formerly a teacher.

Lizzie, who is Mrs. Shoemaker, of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Etta, married D. Lamkin, of Mannsville, Okla., who is in the mercantile business.

Mr. Meek votes the Republican ticket, and is a member of the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, of Williamsburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Meek are devoted members of the Methodist church.

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### PEARL C. HARBER.

Mr. Pearl C. Harber, the junior member of the thriving and enterprising mercantile firm of Eveland & Harber, of Miami-ville, Ohio, is a native of Bracken county, Kentucky, his birth having occurred there February 2, 1878.

On Christmas day, 1881, Pearl C. Harber came from Kentucky to Miami-ville with his parents, John N. and Ida J. (Poe) Harber, who shortly after located on a farm in Miami township.

Mr. Harber acquired his early education in the schools of the district, spending his boyhood days on the farm. Later, he attended the high school at Milford, Ohio, and following his graduation from there learned the machinist's trade at Cincinnati, which occupation he pursued for six years, but desiring to be nearer home returned here and in 1907 Mr. Harber entered into partnership with Mr. W. B. Eveland in his general store. The company is conducting an up-to-date, prosperous business, and enjoys a large patronage.

Mr. Pearl C. Harber has one sister, Margaret, who is the wife of James Moorhead, of an old Clermont county family. His mother passed away in April, 1911, in her fifty-second year. His father, John Harber, resides in Miami-ville, and has been the sexton of the cemetery for the past twelve years. He is a Republican, and has served his party as assessor of the township.

In political views, Mr. Harber favors the principles of the Republican party. He has served as school director for sev-





eral years. Socially, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Miamiville.

Mr. Harber is a strong, vigorous man, with a keen mind and indomitable energy, conducting his duties in such a manner as to be free from all unpleasant comment.

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### THE MEFFORD BROTHERS.

The Mefford Brothers may be classed among Ripley's most progressive and public-spirited young business men, whose intense business activity and energy have been the salient features in their successful career. They were born one mile from Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, Harry L., December 12, 1881, and Thomas L., December 12, 1883. They are sons of Samuel B. and Albertine (Loudon) Mefford, both residing near Ripley.

The paternal ancestors of the Mefford Brothers were natives of Germany, and tradition gives us the name of Andrew Conrad Mefford, whose birthplace was Frankfort, Germany, as being the first of the family to leave the Fatherland for America, and who located in or near Pittsburgh, Pa. He was the great-great-great-grandfather of the gentlemen whose names form the title of this review.

John Mefford, son of Andrew Conrad Mefford, was a large land owner and wealthy man of Virginia, who came down the Ohio river in 1787 to Limestone (now Marysville), Ky., where he remained for a few years, after which he removed to what is now Brown county, near the present site of Ripley, Ohio. Here he erected a log house near the place on the top of the hill. now owned by Mrs. Rachel Meyers, who resides there, and it is known as the old Mefford homestead. Shortly after his locating in Brown county, John Mefford purchased five hundred acres of land below Ripley, which he put into a high state of cultivation. During the frontier period he served as lieutenant of militia in the district located between Elk river (known as Eagle creek) and Straight creek. John was twice married, having seven children of the first union, the oldest being George, who was born in Pennsylvania, November 22, 1786, and who died October 30, 1872.

George Mefford was united in marriage on November 7, 1811, to Polly Ellis, a daughter of Samuel Ellis, a pioneer



resident of near Higginsport, Ohio. He was a brother of Nathan Ellis, who founded Aberdeen, Ohio. George and Polly (Ellis) Mefford became the parents of seven children.

John W. Mefford, eldest son of George and Polly (Ellis) Mefford, was married in 1834 to Anna, daughter of Lines and Rebecca (Applegate) Pangburn, who was born August 31, 1817, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and whose death took place May 30, 1890. They had fifteen children born to their union, one of whom was Samuel B., who was born on Pisgah Ridge, Brown county, Ohio, December 6, 1854. He was united in marriage to Albertine Loudon, daughter of W. P. and Eliza J. Loudon, April 2, 1879. To this union four children were born, Bertha, who died in infancy, Harry L., Thomas L. and Earl L. Earl L. Mefford is a member of the Masonic lodge at Ripley, having obtained the Royal Arch degree. He is a very successful traveling salesman, having for several years represented the American Tobacco Company in Southern Ohio.

Samuel B. Mefford is a prominent agriculturist of Brown county, and owns and operates a finely cultivated farm of two hundred and forty acres of land near Ripley, Ohio. He has devoted his entire life to farming and is classed among the successful citizens of the county, and served nine years as trustee of Union township, and also assessor for six years.

Harry L. Mefford was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Lang, a native of Dayton, Ohio, her parents being from Germany, and both are deceased. They have one daughter, Dorothy Lang Mefford. Harry Mefford is a member of the Masonic lodge, including the Royal Arch Masons, of Ripley, Ohio.

Thomas L. Mefford is a member of the Union Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He has membership also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Modern Woodmen of America.

Politically, they are in favor of the men and measures of the Republican party, although independent in local affairs.

Religiously, reared in the Christian church, Mr. Thomas L. and Earl L. continue to be members of that denomination, while their brother Harry L. embraces the faith of the Presbyterian church. The Mefford Brothers are highly esteemed in their native town as honest and industrious men, and are considered admirable citizens in every particular.





## MAJOR CHAMBERS BAIRD.

Of the men who have passed from this life, whose record for good citizenship entitles them to honorable mention in these volumes, is numbered Major Chambers Baird, of Ripley, Ohio. He was a man of affairs and one who wielded a wide influence, his opinions doing much to mold public thought and action. In all his public work Major Baird was actuated by a spirit of direct and immediate serviceableness and his labors in behalf of his town and county were far-reaching and beneficial. The birth of Chambers Baird occurred at Sandy Springs, Adams county, Ohio, July 25, 1811, and his death at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, March 20, 1887. He was a son of Judge Moses Baird, an Ohio pioneer of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock who came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and settled at Sandy Springs in 1790.

Chambers Baird was reared on the home farm on the Ohio river, opposite Vanceburg, Ky., his home until he reached the age of nineteen years, when, in 1830, he became a student in the Ripley College, with his cousin, Stephen R. Riggs, afterward a noted minister and missionary among the Dakota Indians, as classmate. This college closing in 1832, they entered Jefferson College, in Pennsylvania, and graduated from that institution of learning in the year of 1834.

After his graduation, Mr. Baird read law at Ripley with the Hon. Archibald Leggett and Col. Francis Taylor, formerly of Kentucky, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1836. He became widely known as a general practitioner, as a keen business man, and prominent citizen.

In 1837 Major Baird was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Campbell, of Ripley, who passed from this life in 1844. On May 6, 1845, Maj. Chambers Baird was united in marriage to Miss Judith Anne Leggett, only daughter of Mr. A. Leggett, who had married two daughters of Colonel Taylor. Mrs. Baird still resides (1913) at Ripley and is the mother of five children who were born to her union with Major Baird. Of the five children, three died in infancy, and those living are: Florence C., now Mrs. J. J. McCardy, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Chambers Baird, a prominent lawyer of Ripley.

It is almost impossible for a man of Major Baird's character and ability to avoid prominence in politics and he took an active part in political life, first as a Whig, and later as a strong Republican and anti-slavery man. In 1855 he was





elected State Senator from Brown and Clermont counties; in 1856 he was a delegate to the first National Republican convention which nominated Fremont. Later, he was a delegate to many other conventions, and was a trusted leader of the Republican party in his State and county.

In 1860 he took a prominent part in the election of President Lincoln and at the outbreak of the Civil war was among the foremost speakers for the Union. He was an intimate friend of Senator Sherman, Secretary Chase, Governor Denison and other prominent men. His age, fifty years, prevented him from entering active military service, but he was appointed provost marshal by the Governor and was intrusted with the responsible duty of organizing a defense of the Ohio border. With his accustomed energy Major Baird at once set about organizing minute men and military companies, and later, in 1863, accepted an appointment as paymaster in the United States army, with the rank of major, being first assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky. He was later removed to Washington, where he was a resident when Lincoln was assassinated. He paid the Union troops returned from southern prisons, at Annapolis, and was mustered out July 1, 1866, after three years of service. During the period in which he was paymaster, Major Baird handled many millions of money without the loss of one cent.

Community affairs were ever of deep interest to Major Baird and his services could always be secured to further any movement for the public good. He was a director of the First National Bank of Ripley and later was president of the Farmers' National Bank and also of its successor, the Citizens' National Bank. He was president of the Ripley Gas Company from its organization in 1860 until his death. For years he was an active member of the Ripley Fair Company and also of the Ripley Saw Mill and Lumber Company. He was an investor in various other local and outside enterprises. He declined a number of nominations and appointments to honorable offices, among them a judgeship in the Supreme Court of Ohio, not wishing to leave his home and profession.

Major Baird possessed one of the largest libraries of law books and miscellaneous works in southern Ohio. His home was one of culture and refinement and beauty. In religious matters he was an active member, trustee and elder of the Presbyterian church, and for many years was a teacher of the



Bible class and a delegate to the Presbytery and Synod. He always give liberally to all branches of church work, contributing not only financially, but taking a personal interest and rendering active, faithful service.

While Maj. Chambers Baird was of the highest type of professional man and enterprising man of business, he was first of all a good citizen. His championship of the right and his settled convictions, from which he could not be swerved, made him a leader of no little power. In his professional life as a lawyer and in business he was conscientious, kind hearted and generous, careful and accurate; in public life he possessed the sterling qualities which command respect, while in the seclusion of home and in the social circle he displayed those winning traits which make human affection little less than divine.

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#### CHARLES ROBB.

Mr. Charles Robb, uncle of Mrs. E. J. Hutchinson, of Jackson township, was born at Twelve Mile Creek, three miles back of New Richmond, Ohio, January 5, 1826, in a house built of brick, which was made on the home farm.

Mr. Robb was a man of meager education, but was self-taught, and one numbered among the friends of education who inaugurated the teachers' institute in Clermont county, at Amelia, in 1848. For the first year, Mr. Robb was secretary of this teachers' association. He was a man of more than ordinary mental endowment, and was well posted on all questions of current interest.

Few farmers of Southern Ohio spent more time and labor in the pursuit of practical agricultural knowledge, than Mr. Robb.

Mr. Charles Robb was one of a number of literary characters of Clermont and Brown counties who organized a poets' union, each bringing their offerings at stated periods to their conventions to be criticised or approved as the case might demand.

Mr. Robb was a member of Company C, First regiment, Kentucky volunteer infantry, and served for four years or more as commissary sergeant. He wrote a fine collection of poems, relating to the war, and his name is inscribed on the "Roll of Honor" as the poet of the regiment. He was a good





lecturer and always had appreciative listeners and his social nature was endowed with poetical temperament to a high degree. Mr. Robb was fluent as a speaker, persuasive as a writer and a man of exceptional moral character.

The collection of poems which Mr. Robb wrote includes poems of battles, friends, one beautiful one called, "The Mother's Blessing," legends, one especially interesting one entitled, "Reunion of Clermont Academy."

In 1857, Mr. Robb ran on the Republican ticket for Senator for the counties of Brown and Clermont. He was well posted on all political questions.

Mr. Robb passed to his eternal reward September 20, 1872.

Mrs. Hutchinson edited a little book called, "Robb's Poems," in which is an interesting biography of Mr. Robb, which reflects great credit on herself as a literary genius. This little book was published in 1910 and is intended as a souvenir to the younger members of the family. Mrs. Hutchinson is a woman of bright intellect, and her literary work is of great interest to her many friends.

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### HON. BENJAMIN E. GARDNER.

One of the best known of Ohio politicians for native intellect, honesty of purpose, and stern, unyielding devotion to principle, is the Hon. Benjamin E. Gardner. There is, perhaps, no one who is more closely connected with the affairs of Clermont county, Ohio, or who takes a greater interest in the welfare of the community of which he is a part. That he is serving his second term as State representative from Clermont county, is proof that he has been faithful to the interests of the people who elected him.

Benjamin E. Gardner is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Monroe township, June 20, 1851. His father, W. W. Gardner, was a native of Brown county, Ohio, being born near Ripley, May 19, 1826. He was reared and educated in Brown county, coming to Clermont county in 1840, locating first in Franklin township, where he remained but a short time. He then settled in Monroe township, permanently. He married Miss Margaret Kratzer, August 23, 1846, her death taking place five years later, when the subject of this review was an infant. W. W. Gardner followed the oc-





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cupation of mill wright for the greater part of his active life. He was a Democrat in politics and served as township trustee for ten years or more in succession, during the Civil war times. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and a consistent member of the Christian church. He was successful in life and at his death, which took place May 1, 1897, he owned a finely improved farm of one hundred and eighty acres.

The grandfather of the Hon. Benjamin E. Gardner, for whom our subject was named, settled in Brown county, Ohio, early in the Nineteenth century, where he engaged in the business of farmer and millwright. He was prospered to a large measure and in the year of 1850, he and his good wife went West, where they remained until their deaths. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. Gardner was enabled to acquire a good common schooling in Monroe township, and the schools of the county, following which he entered upon his business career as farmer, in connection with which he carried on threshing, and conducted a saw mill.

On May 1, 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Gardner to Miss Mary Swope, who was a daughter of John and Eliza (Keithler) Swope, both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Clermont county. John Swope died in 1878, in the seventy-second year of his age, and his wife, Eliza, died May 1, 1897, in her seventy-eighth year.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner four children were given:

Lora, is the wife of C. C. Barkley, a prosperous farmer of Monroe township. They have two children: Elbert and Merrill.

Charles N., married Miss Ada Nichols, a daughter of Joseph Nichols. They are residents of Cincinnati and are the parents of one son, Joseph.

John W., a farmer living near Felicity, married Miss Etta, daughter of George Lanham, and they have one daughter, Florence.

Frank, who is operating the home farm, married Miss Carrie, a daughter of Louis Snider. One son blesses this union, Leonard.

Mrs. Gardner passed from this life August 12, 1889, at the age of thirty-seven years.

Mr. Gardner was married a second time in 1890 to a sister of his first wife, Miss Harriet Swope, and they reside at Nicholasville, where they have a comfortable home.





For the past twelve years, Mr. Gardner has been a member of the County Agricultural Board and takes an active interest in stock betterment. He handled thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and was the owner of the second herd of these cattle in the county. Mr. Gardner always takes a great interest in politics and is well informed on all of the important issues of the day, which has led him to favor the principles of the Democratic party and has held the office of township clerk for one term, and resigned from the office of township trustee to accept the office of representative from Clermont county, in 1908. Socially, Mr. Gardner is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Nicholasville, and both he and his estimable wife are devoted members of the Christian church.

The close application which Mr. Gardner has always given to the business he had to do, the unfaltering perseverance for the completion of any task undertaken, constitutes the secret of his unvarying and unbounded success, and classes him with the foremost of substantial citizens of the county.

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### EDWARD PATCHELL.

Mr. Edward Patchell, the father of Edward C. Patchell, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes, was born on Oil creek, Venango county, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1801. His paternal ancestors were French Huguenots, who immigrated to the northern part of Ireland in 1568, four years before the massacre of St. Bartholomew. The doctrines of Calvin had gained an entrance to that portion of France bordering on Switzerland, and were embraced by the Patchells, a numerous and influential family living near Vasse. The fifth great-grandfather of our subject was one of the gallant few who served under that famous Protestant clergyman, George Walker, in the heroic defense of Derby against King James. For bravery in the battle of Boyne he was presented with a gold medal, dated 1690, now in the possession of E. C. Patchell of Stonelick.

Edward Patchell, the progenitor of the family in America, and the grandfather of our subject, was keeper of the forest under Lord Fitzgerald. This nobleman was killed by the Catholic tenantry in the insurrection of 1788 in Derry county.



He also owned a large farm five miles from Londonderry, and would have shared the fate of his lordship had he not been secretly released by a man named Dunbar, whom he had previously befriended several times. In 1792 he immigrated to America and in 1800 purchased a farm on Oil creek, in Pennsylvania, on which he settled; on this farm are some of the largest oil wells of the United States. He died in 1814, aged ninety-seven years.

James Patchell, next youngest in a family of two sons and three daughters, was born in County Derry, Ireland; 1772; married Elizabeth Cannon in 1800, she being born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 1783. They had eight children: Edward, William, Mary, Jane, Eliza, Jemima, James and Joseph, all of whom are deceased. In the War of 1812 he was a major in the Pennsylvania militia and was stationed at Erie during the winter of 1814. His brother, Edward, was a brigadier-general in the Pennsylvania line during the War of 1812, and was appointed by President Jackson, issuing commissary general of the army of the Southwest, with headquarters at New Orleans. He held this position for three years, resigning on account of ill health. At the time of his death he was one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Pittsburgh. In the spring of 1816, James Patchell, in company with several other families, descended the Alleghany and Ohio rivers to Neville, Clermont county, Ohio, in a keel boat; later purchased a farm on India creek in Monroe township, where he lived until 1832, removing then to Butler county, Ohio, his home until his death, 1844, and where his wife passed away in 1846. He was a man of great energy and strong will power, combined with excellent judgment, thus making for more than ordinary ability.

November 2, 1826, Edward Patchell married Sarah Ann Brown, born in Nashville, Tenn., February 7, 1803, and the following children were born to them: William W., born November 7, 1827; Elizabeth J., born July 16, 1830; James M., born July 11, 1832; Sarah Ellen, born August 6, 1834; Angeline, born May 15, 1837; Mary E., born March 22, 1844, and Martha E., born June 23, 1847. Sarah E. is the widow of Ambrose Roudebush, of Stonelick township. Angeline is the wife of Uriah Haworth, and lives on the East Fork of the Little Miami river, near Batavia. James M., never married, was a pupil of Prof. Stevens, of Milford, for several years, and graduated from Nelson's Mercantile College, of Cincinnati, in 1854.





In 1857 he went to California, where he spent two years and in 1863 he was unanimously chosen captain of a company of Ohio home guards, and in September of the same year, was commissioned major of the same company by Governor Todd. His discharge of the duties was most dignified, popular and efficient. Edward C., another son, is mentioned on other pages of this work.

Mrs. Patchell passed away January 17, 1866. She was one of those wives and mothers who made life what it should be—a home what it is intended to be—the most attractive place on earth. In 1866, Mr. Patchell married Anna J. McDonald, who survived him and later became the wife of Roland Boyd. She is also deceased.

Mr. Patchell died suddenly of heart trouble, while visiting a neighbor, February 11, 1876. He was austere in manner, well balanced of mind, with temperate habits; his heart was ever tender toward suffering humanity: he was a patron of colleges, though possessed of little education, altogether combining the fire of the French, the sympathy of the Irish, the exactness of the Scotch—united in perfect harmony.

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### FRANK ALEXANDER STIVERS.

Mr. Frank Alexander Stivers, of Ripley, Ohio, is a representative of the best pioneer blood of which Brown or Adams counties can boast. His birth occurred at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, on the 15th of April, 1865. He is a son of Andrew Jackson and Katherine (Maddox) Stivers.

His paternal great-grandfather, John Stivers, who was born in Virginia in 1764, was of an old Colonial family resident of Virginia. He intermarried with Martha Neel, of that State. During the Revolutionary war, he enlisted as a private in Captain Robert Daniel's company, it being a part of a regiment of the line commanded by Colonel Spencer. Serving this term, he again enlisted in a company raised by Captain Harris. At the time of this enlistment he was a resident of Spottsylvania county. After the war, he removed first, to Pennsylvania, and from thence to Adams county, Ohio, and located near Manchester. In 1832, he applied for and received a pension, in recognition of his services in the War of the Revolution; he died in Sprigg township, Adams county, Ohio,



at the age of sixty-four, and is buried at Decatur, Brown county, Ohio.

Robert Stivers, a son of John and Martha (Neel) Stivers, and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came with his parents to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and on arrival at maturity, in December, 1815, married Jane Meharry, a native of Ireland, her birth having taken place in County Tyrone, February 3, 1790. She had been brought by her father and step-mother to the United States at the age of four years. Alexander and Jane Meharry, her father and step-mother, were natives of Ireland, who immigrated to America in May, 1794, and had settled at Connellsville, Pa. In 1798, they removed to Kentucky and shortly afterwards to Adams county, Ohio, where Mr. Meharry met his death, in August, 1813, being killed by the falling of a tree, while returning from a camp meeting held near New Market, Highland county, Ohio. The maiden name of the mother of Jane Meharry was Gillespie, and she died in Ireland, and left two children, John and Jane.

Jane (Meharry) Stivers was a woman of great force of character and natural ability, raised in a God-fearing and God-serving family, she never lost the effects of her early training. Throughout the strenuous life of that day, she was ever an active and consistent Christian. She accepted membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and died triumphant in that faith. Her precept and example was so forcefully impressed upon her family that a reflex of her character is clearly displayed in this generation. Her brothers were men of mark and substance, one, Alexander Meharry, a gifted and devout evangelist, became eminent in the Methodist Episcopal church, the others remained farmers, and moving to Indiana, were prominent in the well known settlement around Shawnee Mound in that State. The children of Robert and Jane (Meharry) Stivers consisted of four sons and four daughters.

Andrew Jackson Stivers, second son of Robert and Jane (Meharry) Stivers, and father of the subject of this mention, was born in Sprigg township, Adams county, Ohio, September 6, 1818. He became more generally known and more closely identified with Brown county than the others. As a young man, not yet of age, he came to Ripley, Ohio, and began that career of trade and finance that made his name a household word, and his life a high mark of ambition to those who wished to excel. His first employment was with Arch-





ibald Leggett, and he remained with him until the organization of the farmers' branch of the State Bank of Ohio in 1847, with Mr. Leggett as president, Mr. Daniel P. Evans as cashier, and he as teller. This was the beginning of his lifelong occupation—that of banking. Yet, he did not confine himself entirely to this pursuit, he also traded in tobacco, wheat and pork, and other interests. In a long life of activity coupled with economy and rare foresight, he became possessed of abundant means. His life was pure and simple; sharing his mother's love for the Methodist church, he became identified with that organization in Ripley and for many years was its chief supporter.

Mr. Andrew Jackson Stivers was twice married, September 20, 1845, to Miss Harriet Newel McClain, a union that lasted but six years. She died August 19, 1851. Again he was united in marriage, after a long interval, to Miss Katherine Maddox, December 13, 1859, who proved a helpmeet indeed, through years of unusual happiness and prosperity. Four children were born to this union, two dying in infancy, and two surviving, namely, Robert, born April 20, 1862, and Frank Alexander, born April 15, 1865. They have kept his business intact, and pursued the same benevolent and generous line of action in both church and civic affairs. Mr. A. J. Stivers died in Ripley, Ohio, March 18, 1894, being survived by his wife and two sons.

Mrs. Stivers was a daughter of John T. Maddox, a pioneer of Adams county, a substantial citizen of Ripley at the time of his death. Mrs. Stivers was a woman of more than ordinary breadth of mind and heart. Her activities were both along social and church lines. She espoused the cause of temperance and with well known zeal, became a leader in that movement. She died March 2, 1904, at the home of her son, Frank Alexander, leaving a name and memory of rare fragrance.

John Robert Stivers, who married Miss Belle Tyler, a great-granddaughter of Col. John Poage, the founder of Ripley, is living in Ripley, engaged in banking, farming and stock trading, conjointly with his brother.

Frank Alexander Stivers, being of a studious trend of mind, attended Ripley school and was a student of the high school of Ripley, while yet in his "teens," after which he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, during the years of 1884 to 1886, in the class of 1888. Desiring a business education, he attended Nelson's Business College in Cin-





cinnati. He chose the law as a vocation, entered the Cincinnati Law School as a student, and was graduated therefrom May 28, 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The next day, May 29, 1890, he was licensed by the Supreme Court of Ohio to the full practice of the law in all the courts of that State. On October 9, of that same year, he was admitted to practice in the United States court for the Sixth circuit, and Southern district of Ohio. On returning to Ripley, he formed a partnership with W. D. Young, Esq., and entered into practice.

The failing health of his father and the exacting demands of the large estate, compelled Mr. Stivers to relinquish the pursuit of the law and give his attention entirely to the business of looking after it; he then entered the bank as an officer and has so remained.

In 1889, February 20, Mr. Stivers married Miss Zua Johnston, of Bucyrus, Ohio. She was the daughter of Henry Drinker Ellis Johnston and his wife, Jane Ludwig Johnston. She graduated from Bucyrus schools in 1884 and from the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, in 1888. It was while fellow students, the acquaintance began which led to marriage. Mrs. Stivers' family was quite as distinctly identified with the northern portion of Ohio as was that of her husband's with the southern portion. Her father was the eldest son of Thomas F. and Martha (Walton) Johnston (they were second cousins), old residents of Crawford and Marion counties. They were Quakers in religion and Republicans in politics. The Johnston family, originally, were from Ireland, although Thomas F. was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1800; he was a cabinet maker by trade. The family moved to Bucyrus in 1825. Henry Drinker Ellis Johnston became a farmer and stock raiser, owning a large landed estate, which he cultivated and grazed as his pursuit required. He was familiarly known as "Major," the title acquired from his connection in early life with the militia of Marion county.

Henry Drinker Ellis Johnston was married to Miss Jane Ludwig, daughter of Samuel Ludwig. She was born November 20, 1831, while the family were on the way from Pennsylvania to Ohio. Her father was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, born January 25, 1788, and died December 20, 1876. The family were originally from Alsace, France, and the Brothers Ludwig, the earliest known of the family, being staunch Huguenots and Protestants, were driven from France



by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. They took refuge later in America, having turned their estate into money and secreted it in the lining of their clothing. Mrs. Stivers has much of the same spirit in religious matters, and is quite devoted to the Methodist church, in which she was reared.

The family of Frank Alexander and Zua (Johnston) Stivers consists of themselves and three children: Andrew Jackson, named in honor of his grandfather; Richard Johnston, and Mary Effie. Andrew Jackson, the eldest son, is known as "Jack" and was born November 24, 1889, at Ripley, Ohio. After passing three years and graduating at the Culver Military Academy, of Indiana, he is now attending his father's alma mater, the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. The second son, Richard Johnston, was born February 6, 1893, at Ripley. After preparation at Exeter Academy, Massachusetts, he has matriculated as a student at the University of Yale, at New Haven, Connecticut. He also spent one and a half years at the Culver Military Academy before entering Exeter. Mary Effie was born October 6, 1900, at Ripley, Ohio, and is attending the home school at Ripley.

Since his marriage, with the exception of the time passed in the study and practice of law, about three and one-half years in all, Mr. Stivers has devoted himself to banking. In connection with his brother, Robert, he has acquired a controlling interest in the Citizens' National Bank of Ripley, and has been in turn its assistant cashier, president and cashier, the latter office he now holds. He has held this connection for about twenty-seven years. In banking, Mr. Stivers has always been conservative, yet free enough to promote any movement in trade, looking to the betterment of the business interests of his native town and county. He is not a speculator in any view, but has invested in many branches of business other than in his own bank. He is a large holder of real estate, both city and country, and his holdings are looked after with the same intelligent and careful insight that marks his banking career. He and his brother also own a controlling interest in the Ripley Gas & Electric Plant, and gives it his personal attention.

Mr. Stivers has taken his father's place in the Methodist church, and extends to it the same generous financial help that has characterized the family for so long.

While looking after financial affairs, he by no means neglects civic duty, for seven years he was a member of the city





council, and gave to that service the same interested attention that marks all his actions. He is now in middle life, full of energy and pushing forward every movement for the good of his community. In politics, he is a Republican, and a close observer of the history and actions of his party, proud of its past history and hopeful of its future. In his daily walk, he is liberal and benevolent, open to espouse every good move in his community.

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### THE DeVORE FAMILY.

Three brothers of Huguenot heroic blood came early to America, one settling in New Jersey, one in Virginia, and one in Pennsylvania. From the last ancestry David DeVore, son of Nicholas and Sarah DeVore, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1774, and moved to Mason county, Kentucky. He married Alice Mann, of the same family as Horace Mann, who was born in New Jersey, April 15, 1777. They removed to the farm near Red Oak, Ohio, where they died, Alice DeVore, June 25, 1860, and David DeVore, January 26, 1861. Their children were:

Anna, born February 13, 1797, married to Joseph Horn, January 17, 1816.

Sarah, born December 5, 1798, married to John Carnahan, May 14, 1818.

Polly, born February 17, 1801, married to John Wills, September 12, 1829.

Peter Mann, born April 3, 1802, married to Sally Day, October 3, 1821.

Abner, born November 25, 1803.

Nicholas F., born May 16, 1806, married to Hetty West, October 18, 1832.

David G. DeVore, born March 31, 1808, married Rebecca Murray, near McConnellsville, Ohio, May 24, 1837.

Elhanan, born February 25, 1810, married Martha B. Stayton, October 22, 1835.

Newton S., born May 24, 1812, married Lucinda Melvin, June 10, 1836.

Emily, born June 25, 1819, married John Beasley, February 25, 1836.

Excepting Abner, who died young, all reared large families, and all lived in Brown county. Emily DeVore Beasley moved



with her family to Champaign, Ill., where her husband acquired wealth and occupied a position of importance in the community. Newton DeVore, when in the prime of manhood, moved to Mt. Vernon, Ind., where he died. The other members of this large family lived and died in the county of their birth. David DeVore, the founder of the Ohio family, was a man of sturdy virtues, intelligence and of loveliness. He became a man of wealth and was connected with the first bank of Ripley. David G. DeVore, his son, resembled him in appearance, and in disposition.

David G. DeVore, attended the University at Athens, Ohio, when the trip was made on horseback. He ranked high in scholarship, being especially noted in mathematics. After graduation, he studied law with Archibald Leggitt, of Ripley. Thomas Corwin was one of the examiners when he was admitted to the bar. He entered a law firm with Thomas L. Hamer, and steadily rose in his profession, until he was second to none in the courts in which he practiced. He lacked the eloquence of Hamer, but he surpassed him in scholarship and knowledge of the law. Early in his practice, he was made prosecuting attorney. David G. DeVore was a great reader and a profound student of history, for which his remarkable memory aided him. Shortly before his death, he quoted from memory fifty psalms and said, "I can give the rest." He loved his home and his friends with him in it. He amassed a large fortune, which in his old age was lost him, yet it never lost him his sweetness of temper. He was public-spirited, ever ready to advance the public good. He was interested in young men, and aided many to a successful career. He died November 26, 1894. Rebecca Murray DeVore, his wife, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and possessed the virtues of those people. She died April 12, 1866.

Of their children, Alice and Emily died in childhood. Peter Mann, a remarkable youth, when eleven years old, Lucy Mary Taylor, who married William Snedeker, in Los Angeles, June 29, 1909, James Mann, who was a long time county commissioner, died September, 1911. Three are still living: David DeVore, connected with H. S. Pogue & Company; Sarah Phillips, living in Cincinnati, and Rebecca Jane DeVore, who enjoys the distinction of being the only "Brown Countian" in the recent "Who's Who." She has been a teacher and educator of distinction for many years, holding the presidency of Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, for six years,



from which she resigned for extensive foreign travel. She has been president of Glendale College, Glendale, Ohio, since 1901. She is widely known as a ready writer, an able speaker and a thorough teacher.

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### JUDGE G. BAMBACH.

Judge G. Bambach, a man of remarkable personality and of signal achievement in both business and political life, is one of the citizens of Brown county, Ohio, whose useful and eventful career has been of such character as to bring this section into prominence. Judge G. Bambach has filled the office of judge of the common pleas court of the first subdivision of the Fifth judicial district, composed of the counties of Brown and Clermont, since 1907, the term expiring in February, 1913. The birth of Judge G. Bambach occurred December 21, 1840, in the capital of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, then an independent State, but now a part of the German empire. His parents were G. and Barbara (Bortzmeyer) Bambach.

G. Bambach, Senior, was born in 1812 in Gross Gerau, Germany, near the city of Darmstadt, in which city he located later in life. He was in the Revolution of 1849, which caused him to become a refugee and to fly, with his family, to America in August of that same year. He located at Levanna, Brown county, Ohio, where he engaged in the vineyard business. His demise occurred at the home of his son, Judge G. Bambach, near Ripley, Ohio, in May, 1890. His business career was one of honesty and integrity and successful endeavor. His burial took place at Ripley, Ohio.

Barbara (Bortzmeyer) Bambach was born in 1807, in Alsace, one of the French provinces, and passed away in February, 1871. She became the mother of two children:

G. Bambach, the future judge and the subject of this mention.

Barbara, who was born in 1844, became the wife of George Hanstein and died at Levanna, Ohio, in 1869.

The future judge attended the schools in the land of his nativity until his parents immigrated to America, when he became a student of the public schools in Brown county. Later he entered a private school at Cincinnati and, following his graduation from this institution, began the study of medicine,





graduating from the Ohio Medical College in 1860. Pursuing his education further and along different lines, our subject entered upon the study of law, graduating from the Cincinnati Law School in the class of 1862, being immediately admitted to the bar.

The marriage of Mr. Bambach to Miss Margaret Hanstein occurred September 18, 1862. She was born in 1839 at Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, a daughter of Frederick and Margaret Hanstein, both natives of Hesse-Darmstadt. They came to America in 1856, locating at Cincinnati. Mr. Hanstein was in the civil service of the State of Darmstadt and after coming to America he retired because of being afflicted with rheumatism. In the family of Frederick Hanstein and wife were five children, two of whom are living:

Margaret, the wife of Judge Bambach.

George, who married Barbara Bambach, sister of Judge Bambach.

Judge G. and Mrs. Bambach are the parents of the following children:

Anna M., who became the wife of Dr. George B. Twitchell, of Cincinnati, is interested in woman suffrage and has lectured in Wisconsin on the subject.

G. G., cashier of the First National Bank of Bethel, Ohio.

Olga is the wife of Albert H. Caine, of Cincinnati.

Ida is a resident of Cincinnati.

Elizabeth B. is Mrs. Louis Reniert, of Columbus, Ohio.

Ernest E., of Cincinnati, Ohio, is associated with the E. D. Woodward Company. He married Inez Thompson.

Julia, a teacher of music, is at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bambach raised the little daughter of their sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Hanstein, the latter having passed from this life when the little girl, Helen, was very small. She is now the wife of C. H. Twitchell and resides in Cincinnati.

All of the children are graduates of the Ripley High School, including the niece.

In the fall of 1862 Mr. Bambach was appointed assistant surgeon of the Eightieth Ohio Volunteer infantry and served in that regiment until the fall of Vicksburg, after which he returned to his home in Brown county, Ohio. He entered at once upon the practice of his profession and, with the exception of one year spent at work on account of his health, he has practiced continuously in Ohio. He rapidly made friends



and gained clients and successfully followed his profession for so many years that he gained the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, which resulted in his election to the bench. Well versed in the law, he has given as complete satisfaction on the bench as at the bar, and was his party's choice for re-election as judge of the common pleas court, but he declined the candidacy because of the time necessary to be away from home in filling the office and as he has passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey, he desires to live a more quiet life. The Republican party, whose principles he advocates, has once nominated Judge Bambach for State Senator and once as Representative, and also nominated him judge of the probate court. He has served his party in the local office of township trustee and, being interested in all educational affairs, has served on the board of directors. The first vote cast for President of the United States, by our subject, was for President Lincoln in his second term.

Judge G. Bambach has been financially interested in many of the business enterprises of Brown county, one of these being the Ripley National Bank, of which he has filled the office of vice president. He also assisted in the organization the piano factory of Ripley, being its president during its existence, and of the shoe factory, of which he was also president.

In fraternal circles Judge Bambach is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Since the year of 1881 Judge Bambach has resided on his farm near Ripley, and his home has ever been a place of social gathering for the friends and acquaintances of the family. He is considered a gentleman among gentlemen and is recognized as one of southern Ohio's best citizens. He is broad in his views and liberal to all with whom he is associated. He will inconvenience himself to do a kindly act to one deserving of his consideration. Such citizens as Judge Bambach and his family are a great credit and blessing to any community.

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### EDWARD C. PATCHELL.

Mr. Edward C. Patchell, of Stonelick township, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Clermont county, Ohio, is now living in retirement, enjoying the fruits of years of indus-





try and frugality. Mr. Patchell was born in a log cabin on the Batavia pike, Stonelick township, October 1, 1839, and is a son of Edward and Sarah (Brown) Patchell, mentioned on another page of this work.

Mr. Patchell was educated in the common schools of Stonelick township, and also attended the Owensville school, having two and one-half miles to walk during the time of attendance. He remained at the parental home until his marriage.

On February 7, 1861, Mr. Patchell was united in marriage to Miss Susan Haworth, who was born in 1841 in Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (West) Haworth. Mr. and Mrs. Haworth, both natives of Ohio, the former of whom served for nine years as commissioner of Clinton county, riding horseback to Columbus for settlement with the State auditor. He was in later years a farmer and raised a family of fifteen children, Mrs. Patchell being the youngest. There are three of this family now living:

Uriah, of near Batavia, Ohio.

Phoebe, who is the widow of William Hunt, of Clinton county, Ohio, is eighty-five years of age.

Isaiah, of Lynchburg, is about seventy years of age.

Mrs. Patchell passed away April 7, 1871, and was laid to rest in the Owensville cemetery. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church and left five children:

Eva, who was born in 1862, married Dr. J. B. Cleckner and died October 12, 1908, leaving three children, one of whom, Ralph, is a prominent physician of Mattoon, Ill. He spent the winter of 1912-13 in Germany finishing in surgery.

Owen W., born December 23, 1863, married Lillian, daughter of Dr. J. B. Cline, of Perintown, and they reside in Paul's Valley, Okla. They have three children, Jewel, Helen and Edward C. Owen Patchell is a graduate of the Ohio State University and his wife is also finely educated. Owen is now a prominent lawyer. He has served two years as Representative of Garon county, Oklahoma, and is largely interested in farming, owning several hundred acres.

Edward W. was born September 1, 1865, and married Miss Cora Brown, a daughter of James L. Brown, of Batavia. They are resident farmers of Clermont county. In their family are three children, Harry, Lloyd and Maude, all married.

Charles M., born March 29, 1867, married Mollie Burgett, and both are deceased, his death occurring March 29, 1892.

Albert J., born January 1, 1869, married Miss Jerusa Combs



and, with his brother, Edward W., operates their father's large farm. He has two daughters, Roberta and Mabel.

April 4, 1878, Edward C. Patchell married Miss Belle, daughter of James R. and Martha J. (Hunter) Deniston. Mrs. Patchell was born at Lynchburg, Highland county, Ohio. Her father was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1802 and died in 1867, while Mrs. Deniston was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1827 and died in 1905. Mr. Deniston was for years bookkeeper at the stillhouse at Perintown, but had previously resided in New Jersey, where he served as probate judge and sheriff. He was also occupied in teaching school for several years.

Mrs. Patchell is the fourth of eight children, the others in order of age being:

Lott H., who entered the army at the age of fourteen years, serving two years and, being captured, was incarcerated for a time in Libby prison. He was later engaged in the painting business and died at Los Angeles, Cal.

Ella, the next younger than Mrs. Patchell, is the widow of Joseph Shannon, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

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Mrs. Patchell has three half brothers:

Dr. A. F. Deniston, who was a captain in the Civil war, is a practicing physician at Westboro, Clinton county, Ohio.

Josiah, who served as a lieutenant in the Civil war, now deceased.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Patchell have been born three children:

Lottie Louisa, who was born October 23, 1880, is the wife of Dr. James K. Ashburn, mentioned elsewhere on these pages.

Pauline, died at the age of seven years.

James, who was born July 27, 1897, is attending the Madisonville high school.

Mr. Patchell owns a finely improved farm of four hundred acres in Stonelick township, besides some Oklahoma holdings, although he was born, reared and began housekeeping in log cabins. The home built by his father in 1851 was destroyed by fire in 1904 and Mr. Patchell has replaced it with a concrete structure, the first and finest of the kind in the county, being modern in every respect. Another illustration of Mr. Patchell's progressive spirit is his purchase of the first self-binder used in Clermont county.



May 10, 1864, Mr. Patchell enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio Volunteer infantry, serving three months as sergeant. His brother, William, also served in the same company.

Mr. Patchell is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and since 1868 has held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In politics Mr. Patchell is a Republican and has been active in the interests of his party for many years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Patchell are members of the Baptist church, of which he is trustee, and has served for twenty years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a most zealous worker in the Sunday school and also for the cause of education and charity.

Mr. Patchell has in his possession a silver snuff box and two volumes of the Bible issued in 1793, which belonged to his paternal grandfather, besides many other interesting relics.

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### RICHARD HAWKINS.

Richard Hawkins is a well known fruit grower, residing on his fifty-three acre farm in Ohio township. He also owns a fine forty-five and one-half acre farm in Monroe township. He is a fine business man and has made a successful fruit grower, about forty acres of his fifty-three acres being devoted to all kinds of fruit. He is well thought of and respected among the well-to-do farmers of Ohio township.

Richard Hawkins was born to William and Mary Ann (Lindsey) Hawkins, on December 1, 1841, in Mt. Pisgah.

William Hawkins was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 26, 1810. He was a son of Richard Hawkins, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and lived until his death during the Civil war. William was a farmer and came to Clermont county, about 1840, and resided in Ohio township the rest of his life. He served as county commissioner for one term, after which the people who elected him regretted to give him up. He was a Methodist and a great worker in the church. He was a Republican and wide awake in political life.

Mary Ann Lindsey was a daughter of Edmond and Barbara (Fisher) Lindsey. She was born in Clermont county.

Edmond Lindsey came to Clermont county from Georgia







RICHARD HAWKINS



FRANCES (NESBIT) HAWKINS



and settled in Ohio township, where he lived until his death prior to the Civil war.

Richard is one of fourteen children, of whom but eleven grew to maturity, and seven are living, including, Elisha, of New Richmond; John, on Twelve Mile creek, near Lindale; Thomas, of Pike county, Illinois; Rezin, of Ohio township, Clermont county; Amanda, a widow, of Springfield, Ohio; and Emma (Lewis), of Amelia, Ohio.

Of the brothers there were five who served in the Civil war: Elisha, Edmond (deceased), Richard, Thomas and Rezin.

Richard served in Company G, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, as did his brother, Elisha. The others were in the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteers.

Richard served a little over three years. He was in the Army of the Cumberland, and participated in many engagements, including Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Chickamauga, Stone River, march from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Missionary Ridge and others.

He was under General "Pap" Thomas. He underwent many hardships, but was never wounded. He served faithfully, and in October, 1864, received an honorable discharge at Nashville.

After his discharge Mr. Hawkins returned home and engaged in the fruit raising, which has been mentioned.

He married Miss Frances Nesbitt, who was born in Ohio township. She was a daughter of William Nesbitt, a farmer and cattleman, and well thought of by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hawkins have had eight children, five sons and three daughters. The sons are: Grant, who died at the age of thirty-nine years, a few years since. He left a wife and family in Monroe township; William, who is a farmer in Ohio township; Richard, Jr., who resides at Amelia; Harry, of Newport, Ky., and Fred, of Monroe township.

The daughters are: Florence, wife of Albert Turner, of Cincinnati; Lizzie, who is at home, and Mary, wife of Cliff Marsh, of Ohio township.

Richard is a strong Republican. He was formerly a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is liked by all the brothers of that order.

Like his father he is a member of the Methodist church, and a good worker thereof. He is a man of good character and is a good citizen. The people of Ohio township are glad to claim him as a citizen of their township.





## HON. ROBERT EVANS CAMPBELL.

In the prosperity of every community may be traced the controlling influence of a limited number of its citizens, who, by reason of peculiar business qualifications and high personal characteristics, become unmistakably identified with its public and private life. The city of Georgetown has had such citizens, and perhaps few are better known than the Hon. Robert Evans Campbell, an able attorney and a high type of American citizen. He is a son of William and Fanny (Evans) Campbell, both of whom were representatives of early prominent families of Brown county, Ohio. His birth occurred on Eagle creek, near Mt. Olive Church, his natal day being March 23, 1854.

Robert Campbell, great-grandfather of the subject of this mention, was a native of Scotland, his birth taking place at Argyleshire. He came to America previous to the American Revolution, but returned to his native country before the beginning of the war. Shortly after his return he married Miss Belle and they at once settled in County Tyrone, Ireland, near the town of O'Magh. The family were weavers by trade and in this occupation they were prospered.

Mathew Campbell, grandfather of Mr. Robert E. Campbell, was born on the old Campbell estate in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1773. He wedded Miss Martha McCutchen in County Tyrone, Ireland, about 1798. They came to America about 1800, landing at Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware. He settled opposite Philadelphia, in New Jersey, and remained there until 1803, when he brought his family of wife and two children to Ohio, where he settled near Bentonville, Adams county. He became a soldier in the War of 1812, serving in the Northwest under General Harrison, as orderly sergeant in Capt. William Kerr's company. After the close of the war, Mr. Campbell purchased land on Eagle creek, Brown county, Ohio, northeast of where Mt. Olive Church is now located. Here he carried on general farming for many years, and was very successful. His death occurred on the old Campbell homestead, December 25, 1859, and is buried in what is known as Rickey cemetery.

William Campbell was born near Bentonville, Adams county, Ohio, February 6, 1815, and after a useful and prosperous life passed away near Carlisle, Brown county, Ohio, September 11, 1896, his burial was in the Ash Ridge cemetery, in Jack-



son township. He chose general farming for his life occupation, and was one of the best men and citizens of Brown county. He was a devout member of the Christian church, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he lived.

Mrs. Fannie (Evans) Campbell was born near Carlisle, Brown county, Ohio, on the old Evans homestead, January 10, 1820, and died January 20, 1888. She is laid to rest by the side of her life's companion in Ash Ridge cemetery. She also was a devoted member of the Christian church.

Mr. Robert E. Campbell enjoyed the educational privileges of the schools of Brown county, and later the North Liberty Academy. Having finished the academy course, he became a student of the Dennison University. For two years following the completion of his school days, he engaged in teaching in Brown county. He then read law and was admitted to the bar in 1879, and since that time he has devoted his attention to the practice of his chosen profession.

On September 5, 1879, Mr. R. E. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lizzie Gilbert, the ceremony taking place at the Gilbert residence five miles north of Aberdeen, Ohio. Her birth took place February 20, 1862, her parents being Dyas and Harriet (Pence) Gilbert.

Dyas Gilbert was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, October 9, 1830, and died November 12, 1903. He followed the occupation of general farming and was very well educated. His great-grandfather, William Gilbert, came to Ohio from Virginia in 1807 and purchased two hundred and two acres of land near Aberdeen, Ohio, at two dollars per acre. His wife was born in December, 1777, and died in 1822. They reared a family of twelve children, all of whom are now deceased. He died October 28, 1836.

Alexander Brooks Gilbert, son of William Gilbert and wife, was born near Aberdeen, Ohio, on the farm of his parents, October 28, 1910, and died in February, 1889. He was a farmer and expert saw mill operator and he had two sons, John and Dyas, both of whom are deceased. His wife, Katherine Housh, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1802, and came to Ohio at a very early date, her death occurring in February, 1892.

Harriet (Pence) Gilbert was born February 21, 1832, and resides near Decatur, Ohio, with a daughter, Mrs. Holton. She is a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Moore) Pence, natives



of Adams county, Ohio, who came from Virginia in the early days. Michall Pence, great-grandfather of Mrs. Harriet (Pence) Gilbert, was one of the first settlers of Adams county, Ohio, coming there in 1795.

To the union of Dyas and Harriet (Pence) Gilbert were born nine children.

Albertine, wife of Samuel Dragoo, residents of Elpaso, Tex.

Sarah Katherine, married William Hook and they live in Brown county, Ohio.

Hillis R., resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of our subject.

Homer Grant, of New Mexico.

Minnie J., who became the wife of James S. Wilson, resides near Decatur, Ohio.

Effie Belle, wife of William B. Holton, resides near Decatur, Brown county, Ohio.

In the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Campbell four children have come to bless and brighten. Their names follow in order of birth:

William Dyas, born February 25, 1881, married Georgia Walker, of Paris, Tex., and lives at Amorilla, Tex., where he is a railway engineer. They have one child, Mary Francis, born November 10, 1906, in Texas.

Ruth, born February 6, 1884, a graduate of the Georgetown High School, married Charles P. Noggle, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Katherine, born March 4, 1910.

Lucy, born February 6, 1887, also a graduate of the Georgetown High School, is the wife of Elbert F. Schweickart, of Fremont, Ohio, where Mr. Schweickart is engaged in teaching in the high school. They have one daughter, Ruth Louise, born December 25, 1911.

Kate Copple, born July 28, 1890, is a graduate of the high school of Georgetown, and attended the Miami University. For the past four years she has been a valued teacher at the old Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution from ancestry on her father's side.

Mr. Robert Evans Campbell served five years as captain of Company H, Third infantry, Ohio National Guards, beginning in August of 1888. He later became major of the First battalion, Third infantry, Ohio National Guards, commanding the battalion in the war with Spain. He is a member of Cincinnati Camp No. 74, United Spanish War Veterans, which has





headquarters at Memorial Hall, Elm and Grant streets, Cincinnati.

In politics, Hon. R. E. Campbell is a staunch Democrat, and was twice elected probate judge of Brown county on that ticket, serving two terms of three years each, his first term beginning February 9, 1900, and the second term beginning in 1903.

Honorable and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Methodist church, to which they contribute liberally.

Fraternally, Mr. Campbell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Knights of Pythias, while Mrs. Campbell is president of the Research Club. Both of these worthy people are active in literary and social life of Georgetown, Ohio.

Robert Evans Campbell is a great reader and lover of good books, possessing one of the finest libraries in Georgetown. He is also a historian of no small ability, and is now preparing a history of his family ancestors, for the benefit of his descendants. He is highly respected by all who know him, and warmly esteemed by a host of friends who recognize his sterling virtues.

Maj. Robert Evans Campbell is descended on his mother's side from George Wilson, who served as an officer in the French and Indian war, under the Governor of Virginia, from 1755 to 1764. He came from Scotland, in 1750, and settled near Staunton, Va. In 1769 he moved to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and settled on George's creek. He was commissioned by the Continental Congress, July 20, 1776, lieutenant-colonel of the Eighth regiment, Pennsylvania Line. The regiment was ordered to march to Brunswick, N. J., or to General Washington, wherever he might be in the field. He died from exposures of the march the last of February, 1777. He was said to have been one of the finest military men of his time. On his mother's side Major Campbell is descended also from Edward Evans, a Revolutionary soldier, who belonged to the Virginia Rifles.

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#### DR. F. P. WITHAM.

Dr. Franklin Pierce Witham, a prominent physician of Withamsville, Clermont county, Ohio, who is identified with the various interests of the village, was born in Withamsville April 14, 1853. He is a son of Dr. James M.



and Caroline (Duckwall) Witham. Dr. James Witham practiced medicine many years in the vicinity of the village of Withamsville, which was named in honor of his father, Maurice Witham.

The boyhood days of Franklin Pierce Witham were spent in his native village, where he received a good common school education. At the early age of fourteen years he began to aid his father by driving for him and looking after his collections. When eighteen years of age he commenced reading medicine with his father, later entering the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. Following his graduation he at once entered upon the career of physician in his native village, practicing with Dr. James Witham as senior partner. For eighteen years this association continued, being severed by the death of the elder gentleman.

On January 18, 1874, Dr. Witham was married to Miss Lenora Laycock, of New Richmond, the ceremony taking place at Mt. Washington, Ohio. She is a daughter of Reuben and Nancy (Medaris) Laycock. Her parents were successful farmers living near Mt. Pisgah, Ohio, where she received a good education.

Dr. Franklin P. Witham is the oldest of three children, the others being:

George W., who was a graduate of the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School, after which he received a State life certificate to teach. He followed the vocation for fourteen years at Milford, Ohio. He was married to Miss Nannie E. Ellis, daughter of Rev. John Ellis, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., and to their union were born three children, two of whom are residents of Los Angeles, Cal. George W. died September 22, 1907, and his widow resides at Los Angeles.

Olive K., who is Mrs. Frank P. Higdon, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati, has one daughter, Mabel.

Dr. F. P. Witham is a life-long Democrat and, though not an office seeker, he was appointed pension examiner by Grover Cleveland, in which capacity he served through President McKinley's administration. He has served his party in the local offices of township committeeman and chairman of the county central committee. In addition to these offices he has been a member of the school board for a number of years.

When the Amelia State Bank was organized, in 1909, Dr. Witham was made a director and became a large stockholder in the organization. He held the office of secretary of the





banking concern until in 1911, when he was elected president.

There is, perhaps, no one in Clermont county who is more widely known in fraternal circles than our subject, he being affiliated with the Eureka Lodge, No. 447, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Withamsville, of which he has held all the various offices. He has been the representative of the fourteen lodges of his district at the grand lodge of the State. He is also a member of the J. B. Covert lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Tobasco, and is now serving his fourth term as worshipful master and has represented his lodge at the grand lodge. He is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, No. 112, of Batavia, Ohio. In addition he also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias lodge, at Mt. Washington, Ohio, and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Withamsville, and is treasurer of the building committee to raise money for the hall at Withamsville.

Dr. F. P. Witham is a trustee and a devoted member of the Baptist church, as is also his wife. He is a member of the Baptist Association of Clermont county.

In his busy life Dr. Witham finds time to give each of his varied interests proper attention, even in detail, and it is due to his unusual capacity and ability that he has been able to accomplish so much.

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### LOUIS MISCHLER.

Louis Mischler, son of Wendell and Caroline (Dietz) Mischler, was born in Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, May 4, 1863. His father, Wendell Mischler, was born in Bavaria in 1829, and after receiving his education served three years in the German army and traveled extensively in Germany and France and was located for a number of years in the city of Lyons. The mother of our subject was born in Belgium in 1825. They came to America about 1856 and located in Canada, where they remained for several years and then removed to Cincinnati, where they remained but a short time, and then moved to Ripley, where Mr. Mischler died, April 3, 1872, and was buried in Maplewood cemetery. During the Civil war he served in the Forty-third Illinois regiment and was discharged at Corinth, Miss. The mother died August 22 at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is buried in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery. To them five children were born: Alexander, Carrie, Louisa, Louis and Wendell W. Alexander died in infancy.



Carrie became the wife of Charles C. Zeller, who for many years and until his death was the manager of the piano department of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Music Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. To them were born six children: Louis, Charles, Ada, Albert, Lorena and Clarence. The first two named died in infancy. Ada is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of music, having for her teacher Albino Gorno, and is a pianist and teacher of considerable note. She has a studio at Seventh and Elm streets, Cincinnati, Ohio. Albert is also musical and is at present in charge of a music store in Los Angeles, Cal. Lorena is a graduate of the Foley School of Voice and is a singer of rare talent. She is also a pianist and teacher. Clarence is connected with the brokerage firm of Weil, Roth & Company, Cincinnati, and is at present in charge of their Chicago branch. Louisa, the third child, died at the age of six years.

Louis, the subject of our sketch, was born in Ripley, Ohio, May 4, 1863. He attended the public and Catholic schools of Ripley, after which he worked for three years in the Valley Gem Piano factory. He then accepted a clerkship, which position he held until 1897, when he was elected treasurer of Brown county on the Democratic ticket, in which capacity he served for two terms. After his term of office he associated with W. J. Jacobs in business, purchasing what is known as the Georgetown Coal and Lumber Company, in which business he is still engaged. While at Ripley he was a member of Gen. Jacob Ammon Camp, No. 410, Sons of Veterans. He was united in marriage to Miss Tressa Jolly February 28, 1897. They have two sons: Louis Harland, born January 1, 1898, who is in the third year of high school, and is very talented in music, playing the piano and cornet. James Jolly, born January 24, 1902, attends the public school and is also a pianist and talented in music.

Wendell W., fifth child, was born in Ripley, Ohio, November 5, 1865. He graduated from the Ripley high school and later attended Nelson's Business College, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a stenographer for a number of years in the employ of the Car Service Bureau, Cincinnati, and in 1896 he successfully passed a civil service examination and was appointed to a position in the quartermaster general's office in the war department. He remained here until the Spanish-American war broke out, when he was taken into the office of the Secretary of War and remained there during the terms

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of Secretaries Alger, Root and Mr. Taft. When Mr. Taft was elected President he appointed him one of his aids. He has accompanied him in all his travels and has taken in shorthand every public speech Mr. Taft has made from the time he entered the war department until his retirement from the presidency. He is now Mr. Taft's private secretary at Yale. His wife was Miss Marie Moore, of Hot Springs, Ark. Their only child died in infancy.

Thomas and Mary Jolly, great-grandparents of Mrs. Louis Mischler, came to Ohio from Maryland. They had four children, viz.: Samuel, John, Susan and Mary. John married Cassandra Smith, Susan married John Savage, Mary married John J. Newman. All lived in Cincinnati and are buried there.

Samuel Jolly, son of Thomas, was born in Maryland March 8, 1794. He served in the War of 1812. He built the elegant home, now known as the Wiles homestead, in East Ripley. He was among the first members of the Methodist church. He died January 1, 1864, and is buried in Ripley. He was married to Susanna Creekbaum July 30, 1816. To them were born five children, viz.: Alexander, Mary, Catharine, Ellen Marie and Samuel Francis. Mary and Catharine died in infancy. Ellen Marie married Benjamin F. Johnson and lived in and near Ripley all her life. They are both buried in Ripley. Alexander married Martha Culter. He was for many years a prominent merchant in Ripley. Later he removed to Champaign, Ill., where he died and is buried there. Samuel Francis, the father of the wife of our sketch, was born in Ripley, Ohio, July 24, 1824. He lived in Ripley all his life. In his early years he was connected with the river traffic and his father and he made many trips to New Orleans, trading extensively along the towns and plantations of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, as was the custom in those early days. Many thrilling experiences did they have in their journeys down these rivers. Later father and son engaged in the glass and queensware business and for many years were among Ripley's most prosperous merchants. In his later years Samuel Francis engaged in the sugar business at St. Paul, Minn. He died July 7, 1903, and is buried in Ripley. He was married July 20, 1854, to Harriet Anna Glasscoe, daughter of Alfred and Lorenda Glasscoe and granddaughter of John and Susan (Bennett) Glasscoe. They were farmers and came to Clermont county at an early date. Lorenda Glasscoe was the daughter of John and Mary Bennett West and granddaughters of Thomas and Elizabeth





West. John West was a farmer. Thomas West came from Virginia to Tate township, Clermont county, soon after 1801, and bought a large tract of land southwest of Bethel which he divided among his children. He died an old man. He had five sons and two daughters: George, Hugh, William, John and James. The daughters married Samuel Bennett and Stephen Beck. The West family was highly respected. They were Methodists.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jolly were born twelve children, viz.: Charles, Susanna, Ellen, Ida Lulu, Bacha, Monarch, Lelia, Anna Lorenda, Hattie, Tressa, and John. Only four of the James was a tobacco merchant and a talented musician, twelve children are living. Susa became the wife of Dr. Samuel Spees, a prominent physician of Decatur, Ill. To them one son was born, Clifford, who is at present in the editorial department of the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. Hattie, the wife of H. R. Maris. They have two sons, John and Harland. They are both graduates of the Decatur, Ill., high school. John, of Decatur, Ill., married Mrs. Pollie Snell and is engaged in the insurance business. Tressa, the wife of our sketch, was born in Ripley, Ohio, October 13, 1869, attended the public schools of Ripley and remained in her native city until she became the wife of our sketch and with him removed to Georgetown after his election as county treasurer, where they still reside with their two sons in their comfortable home on West State street.

The Jolly family are of French Huguenot descent and trace their ancestry back to 1541. After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes part of the family left France, going to Scotland and England. They were early identified with the Presbyterian church of England. Rev. Thomas Jolly was pastor of a church at Altham and after his death a chapel was erected to his memory. The English branch of the family immigrated to America in 1749 and settled in Maryland. A few years later they branched into Virginia and Pennsylvania. Three of the family were soldiers in the war of the Revolution. In 1796 they were among the first settlers of Chillicothe, Ohio, and in 1805 they left Chillicothe and branched into Highland, Hamilton and Brown counties. David, James, William and Mary, with their families, moved into Hillsboro. David helped to build the first Presbyterian church and was elected elder. John W. Jolly moved to Cincinnati with his family. Thomas and Alexander Jolly, with their



families, were among the first settlers at Ripley, Ohio. By reading the following histories the Jolly family can be easily traced, viz.: New England History, Volume 60; History of Early Settlement and Indian Wars of Western Virginia, by William De Hass; Historical Collections of Pennsylvania: History of Panhandle.

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### JOSEPH G. HEIZER.

Joseph G. Heizer, a successful farmer and stock raiser, of Pleasant township, Brown county, Ohio, belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of the county. He was born in that township, March 31, 1863, and is a son of John and Mary (Frost) Heizer. His father was born in Union township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1838, and his mother in Pleasant township in 1837. John Heizer, now retired from active life and residing on his farm in Pleasant township, is a son of Edward and Iva (Dugan) Heizer, and a grandson of John Heizer, Sr., a native of Virginia, who immigrated to Brown county, Ohio, in December, 1807, and settled on a track of land on Strait creek, near the Ohio river. In keeping the custom of his Dutch ancestors, he was taught the trade of carpentering, which he followed until he immigrated to Ohio. He raised a large family and he became an influential man in the new community, and his home was the scene of many public meetings in the early days. His creek was often used as a baptismal fount, and he was always ready to do anything he could for the promotion of the welfare and progress of the community. His great-grandson, the subject of this sketch, prizes very highly two of the original tools used by him in his carpentering work, one of which, the foot adze, still has the same wooden handle it had over one hundred years ago. He lived to a good old age.

Edward Heizer was born on the old homestead in Union township, in 1808, some fifty yards from the place he died, in 1899, and his wife, Iva Dugan, was born in Pleasant township, and died in middle life. They were the parents of five children, Joseph, Louis, John, Deborah and William, all of whom are dead except John, who resides on his farm three miles south of Georgetown, Ohio.

John Heizer, father of Joseph G. Heizer, was educated in Union and Pleasant townships, mostly in the latter, and re-





mained on the home farm until his marriage, November 3, 1858, to Mary A. Frost, daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Armstrong) Frost, farmers of Brown county. Mr. and Mrs. Frost had five children, Jane, James, Mary A., Ellis and Cynthia, all deceased except Mary A., the mother of this sketch. Josiah Frost was one of the original tobacco and pork merchants of Brown county. John Heizer and wife located on the farm which has been divided into two farms, and has resided in his present location over fifty years. He engaged in general farming, and was largely successful. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife belong to the Christian church, he being one of the promoters and builders of Olive chapel, which stands near his home. They had four children, all born in Brown county: Cora B., at home with her parents; Joseph G., whose name stands at the head of this sketch; William E., of Texas, and a daughter who died in infancy. The father and mother are well preserved for their years. They are held in high regard by all, and have worked hard for their success in life. They have erected a pretty home on one of his farms.

Joseph G. attended the local schools, and engaged in commercial traveling for a short time. Since then he has devoted his time to farming, in which he has been successful. Since his marriage he located on Home Lawn Farm, two miles south of Georgetown, which farm now contains two hundred and sixty-five acres. He is self-made, having earned his own way in the world from young manhood, and is industrious and enterprising. He is very fond of reading and keeps well abreast of the times. He is held in general respect and has a large number of friends, among whom he is popular. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

On December 21, 1899, Mr. Heizer was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. McConaughy, who was born in Union township, in 1863, daughter of John C. and Ellen Jane (Hodgkins) McConaughy, the parents also natives of that township. Mr. McConaughy was born in 1837 and lives in Clermont county, and the mother in 1840. They are both well preserved for their age. He was a successful farmer and operated farms in Illinois and Ohio, retiring from active life some five years since, and moving to his present farm. They had seven children, namely: Laura, lives at home; Mary, Mrs. J. G. Heizer; W. O., of Clermont county; J. A., of Dayton;



W. M., of Cincinnati; F. E., of near Milford, Ohio; the fourth child, Rhoda, died in infancy.

The old homestead on Strait creek has changed hands only three times since 1807, from John, Sr., to Edward; from Edward to Deborah; thence that part in Union township to Clara, daughter of Joseph, and that part in Pleasant township to Joseph G., the subject of this sketch.

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### J. W. DeVORE.

J. W. DeVore, a well known general farmer and stock raiser of Franklin township, Clermont county, belongs to an old Ohio family, and is a good example of a successful self-made man. He was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, Ohio, February 14, 1850, son of Abner and Louisa Maria (Gardner) DeVore, both of whose fathers were preachers of the Christian church. Abner DeVore was born in the same township in June, 1825, and resides in Lewis township, Brown county. Mrs. Louisa Maria DeVore was born in Union township, Brown county, about 1827, and died in 1862. She was a daughter of Rev. Mathew Gardner, who founded most of the Christian churches in Southern Ohio, besides a great many in Indiana and Kentucky. He preached for over sixty years and labored faithfully in the vineyard. He was an able and convincing speaker and debated with all the leaders of the Campbellite church, when those two denominations were greatly at variance. He was an earnest speaker, droll and witty, with a dry humor that greatly appealed to most people. He was a good business man and a good manager, and came to Ohio when the country was new, so that he had good opportunities to make profitable investments. He prospered in his undertakings and left an estate of some \$80,000. He was especially well known for the promptness with which he began all services at the appointed hour, even if there were no congregation to hear. On one occasion, when he began services before the arrival of any of the congregation, they came in and saw he was alone and said, "We have got here at last." Rev. Gardner replied dryly, "I think it is at last." This was considered a great rebuke as coming from him, for he was of a gentle nature. He wrote a most interesting autobiography, which was published, and which was very instructive along the line





of the teachings and doctrines of the New Light religion. There has never been a stronger or abler preacher of this faith in Ohio than Rev. Gardner, and he was very well known for the forceful manner in which he met the arguments of the preachers of the Campbellite church, for he invariably won in his debates with them. His face, and especially his forehead, showed him to have a strong intellect, and he was a very deep thinker. Although he had strong convictions, he had a tender, loving heart, and in his preaching and labors touched the heart strings of thousands. He was born in New York, and died in Union township, and his wife, whose maiden name was Beasley, was born in Ohio, in Union township, and died at her home.

The children born to Abner DeVore and wife were as follows: B. F., who died in August, 1910; Julia B., widow of Rev. Godfrey Godfrey, of Indiana; J. W., of this sketch; L. G., of Georgetown, Brown county; G. W., who died in Kansas; C. M., of Kentucky; Charles Peter, deceased. All were born in Brown county. A brother of Abner DeVore, Peter DeVore, served in the Civil war from Ohio, and lives in Illinois.

J. W. DeVore was educated in the country schools of his native county and remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, then went west with a prospecting motive. He returned to Ohio and carried on his Grandfather DeVore's farm, and the following year his father's farm. On March 28, 1872, he married Miss Lucy Dean, a native of Brown county, Ohio, born in 1849, daughter of William and Sarah (Wiles) Dean. Mr. Dean was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1827, and died in 1904, and Mrs. Dean was born in 1840 and died in 1902, both being buried near Bethel. There were ten children in the family, namely: Slathiel lives in Clermont county; Mary E. died about thirty-five years ago, at the age of nineteen years; Marcellus married Jane Kellum, and they live in Brown county; Thomas married Miss Ollie Gravit and resides in Clermont county; Sullivan, also a resident of Clermont county, married Belle Bear; Andy married Miss Hun Shinkle; Dora lives near Bethel with her sister, Jennie Brooks; Jennie, wife of William Brooks, lives near Bethel; Albert married Myrta Ellis and lives in Bethel.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. DeVore located near Georgetown, Brown county, and remained on this farm thirty-four years. They were successful in their operations and in 1906 were able to better their prospects, purchasing a pretty place





of one hundred and sixty-three acres of good farm land in Franklin township, Clermont county. Mr. DeVore has a large number of hogs, sheep, cattle and horses, and ships his stock to the Cincinnati market. He is an energetic and ambitious farmer and conducts his affairs in an able and intelligent manner. He is very proud of the part taken by his grandfathers in the early history of the region, as he has reason to be, and also respects the worthy parents who reared him to an honorable manhood, fitting him for the duties and responsibilities of life. His father has favored the Republican party since its inception, but our subject is a strong Democrat in politics, believing the principles of this party especially favor the needs of the common people, and the interest of the majority of our country's citizens. He has served as school director and has always taken great interest in local affairs. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church. They had six children, all born in Brown county: Eva Lou, born September 6, 1873, married James Neal, of Brown county, and they have one son, Roland, born October 1, 1904; William Edgar, born December 28, 1874, married Miss Mattie Cahall, lives in Brown county, and has one daughter, Louise, born December 25, 1897; Cora Belle, born September 16, 1876, wife of Harry Hatfield, of Georgetown, has two children, Glen, born in October, 1899, and a daughter, Roberta, born June 15, 1912; Samuel J., born July 5, 1878, married Miss Anna Smith and resides in Clermont county; Addie Lizzie, born February 7, 1880, wife of Jessie Utter, of Brown county, has two daughters, Mildred and Ruth, aged eight and seven years, and one son, William Earl, born October 11, 1912; Lewis Abner, born April 28, 1884, married Stella Shaw, lives in Clermont county, and has one child, Herbert, born March 17, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. DeVore have worked together for the promotion of their interests, and are much respected for their many good qualities. They have a large number of friends and are active in various circles in the community. They are genial and hospitable, refined and intelligent, and those who enter their home are well entertained.

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#### FRANK M. DUDLEY.

Mr. Frank M. Dudley, vice-president and secretary of the J. H. Day Company, of 1144 Harrison avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth having



occurred at Williamsburg, June 22, 1867. He is a son of Mr. Otis Dudley, of whom mention is made elsewhere on these pages.

Frank M. Dudley enjoyed the educational privileges of the public schools of Clermont county, and was reared to farm life. His business career began May 1, 1888, as office boy for the firm with which he has been associated continuously since. He has filled the various position of the company, becoming vice-president at the time of the incorporation of the company, in 1902, and since 1910 has served as secretary also.

The company was founded by the late Mr. J. H. Day, about 1887, starting with six men employees, which has now a pay roll of about five hundred men. The plant was first at Court and Broadway streets, and the present fine plant was erected in 1897, and has a floor space of five acres. The building is of brick and is fully equipped with all modern machinery. The company manufactures special machinery and the development of the business has been rapid and steady. Mr. Dudley is one of the principal owners of the stock of the company, and devotes his entire attention to the business.

Mr. Dudley was united in marriage to Miss Clara Peterson, a daughter of D. K. Peterson, of Williamsburg, Ohio, and to their union has been born two daughters:

Miss Helen K., who is proficient in elocution, being a graduate of the Schusten School.

Miss Grace E. is a student of Oakhurst Collegiate School, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley are members of the Mt. Auburn Methodist Church, and are active in all of the affairs of that denomination. The residence of Mr. Dudley is on Burnett avenue, Mt. Auburn, Ohio.

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### SAMUEL POTTS.

Samuel Potts, now deceased, was for many years a worthy and respected citizen of Clermont county, where he devoted his energies to general farming and fruit growing with signal success. He was the owner of a valuable and well improved farm near Guinea, Miami township, which had been in the family for the past ninety-two years, and was owned by his father and himself only. Mr. Potts was born in a log house







SAMUEL POTTS



ELLEN (KERR) POTTS



on the 18th of March, 1834, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Riggs) Potts.

Samuel Potts, Sr., was a native of New Jersey, being born in 1791, and his wife, also a native of New Jersey, was born in 1797. After their marriage this worthy couple came to Ohio, settling in Miami township, Clermont county, in 1820, remaining on the one farm until their deaths. Samuel passed away in 1863, and his wife followed him to the great beyond on January 23, 1881. They were devoted members of the Methodist church.

Samuel Potts, our subject, was one of eight children, all now deceased. Those who grew to maturity were, Elizabeth, Sallie, Electa, Charles and Samuel, who was educated in the schools of the county and became experienced in the management of a productive farm, which he made his life occupation.

Miss Ellen Kerr became the wife of Samuel Potts, on November 17, 1859, at Symmes, Hamilton county, Ohio, where she was born on February 14, 1839, her parents being John and Agnes (Pagan) Kerr. They were natives of Scotland, who came to Cincinnati in their youth, where they were married. John Kerr was born in 1813 and died October 3, 1897. Agnes (Pagan) Kerr was born in 1818 and died May 26, 1872. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity and beside Mrs. Potts there is one brother, George, still living, at Mason, Ohio. Mrs. Potts was reared and educated at Symmes, Ohio, her parents being successful farmers of that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts became the parents of the following children:

John, who was born September 7, 1860, died July 1, 1898, leaving a widow (nee Anna Harrison) and three children.

Mary A., was born March 13, 1863, is the wife of William Thompson, of Branch Hill, and has one daughter, Miss Ethel, twenty years of age.

Eva, a twin, was born May 13, 1868, and is the wife of John Turney, of Branch Hill, and they have four daughters.

Elizabeth, died in 1889, at the age of twenty-three years.

Charles, was born September 2, 1880, and married Alice Doll, a daughter of John and Josephine (Lindecker) Doll. They are residents of Branch Hill and have two children, Clyde C. and Mary E., both in school. He is operating the home farm.



In politics, Mr. Potts was an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, as is his son, Charles, and was a director of the school board. He attended the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Potts is a consistent member and active worker.

Mr. Potts had a wide acquaintance, having spent his entire life in the community, and the fact that many of his staunchest friends were those who knew him from his boyhood days, is an indication that his life was characterized by the qualities and principles which make for upright manhood, good citizenship and faithful friendship. His death took place November 26, 1907.

Mrs. Potts is kind, benevolent and friendly to all and has many warm personal friends. She has the esteem and respect of every one and to know her is to love her.

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### JOSEPH HARVEY SMITH.

The sixth child and second son of Joseph and Melinda Medaris Smith is Joseph Harvey, born February 4, 1854. As the family did not move from the farm to the village home until his eighteenth year, most of his schooling was obtained in the country. With a natural inclination toward metal work, and a favorable opportunity, he chose blacksmithing for a trade, when most young men were not so inclined. But that choice eventually was the first step in a pleasing success. On December 23, 1875, he married Adellah Smith, born October 8, 1856. She was the youngest child of Thompson Smith, whose wife's maiden name was Holly Ann Snell. Thompson was a son of Andrew, born July 7, 1789, and Elizabeth Anderson Smith. Elizabeth Anderson, born in 1794, was a daughter of John Anderson, who was born in Maryland in 1773, and came to what is Sterling township in Brown county about 1800. Holly Ann was the daughter of Daniel and Edna Malott Snell, and thus Mrs. Smith is a cousin of the poet, Warren Malott, and of the inventor, Oscar Snell, mentioned in the historical part of this work. Her elder brother, Artemas, served in Company K of the Twenty-seventh Ohio and the other, Randolph, was a member of the regimental band of the Twenty-seventh Ohio, and his daughter, Margaret, married Dennis Smith, the fourth son of Joseph and Melinda Smith. Georgia B., Cora D. and Howard H., the children of Dennis and Margaret, have been almost adopted by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith.





In 1881 and for twelve years following, Joseph Harvey took personal charge of his father's old home farm. In 1893 he bought, and for two years managed, a farm near Henning's Mills. After that, he returned to Williamsburg, bought the attractive home at the foot of Main street, and now conducts a blacksmith and general repair shop from which

"He looks the whole world in the face,  
For he owes not any man."

Mr. Smith is an earnest member of old Clermont Social Lodge of the Masonic fraternity, and of the order of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is one of the lights, while she also finds time to do a full share in the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, as is fitting for the sister of two soldiers. Although industrious, to a degree almost disturbing, in a leisurely neighborhood, Joseph Harvey Smith is master of a choice between a calm view from a cosy corner or a bird-like glimpse from his automobile.

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### JOHN S. OLMSTED.

John S. Olmsted is descended from several families who have long been prominent in the history of Ohio. He was born in the family home in Franklin township, where he now resides, March 15, 1878, son of Thomas B. and Irvenia Porter Olmsted.

Thomas Bingham Olmsted was born at Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, in 1833, and died in 1890, being buried in the Odd Fellow's cemetery at Chilo, Ohio. He was a nephew of Hon. John A. Bingham, at one time minister to Japan and owner of one of the finest law libraries in the State.

Thomas Olmsted bought the present family home when he was twenty-five years of age and carried on farming there until his death. He was a Republican in politics, and actively interested in public affairs. He was one of four children, of whom but one survives, Henry, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The mother of Mr. Olmsted was born in Brown county, Ohio, June 15, 1840, and died December 23, 1911, being also buried at Odd Fellow's cemetery. She came to the present home of her children as a bride, having lived in the neighborhood some sixty-three years at the time of her death. She



was a daughter of Robert and Harriet N. (Logan) Porter. Her father was born near Utopia, Brown county, June 2, 1815, and her mother was born near Clark's Mills, in the same county, July 1, 1816. He died May 15, 1878, and her mother passed away January 23, 1903. Both are buried in Woods cemetery. They had four children, two of whom survive: Irvenia, deceased, was Mrs. Olmsted; John L. was killed at Tunnel Hill, Ga., during the Civil war; Robert D., living on the home farm, and Althea, wife of Fletcher McKinney.

Thomas B. and Irvenia Olmsted had seven children, namely: Robert, a lawyer, of Omaha, Neb., married Miss Beatrice Birkhauser; they have two children, Florence and Robert. Thomas D., of Dillon, Mont., married Miss Alice Chambers, and have one son, Thomas D. Harriet, widow of Guy T. Kenyon, Omaha, Neb., has two sons, Ralph and Guy. Eloise and Mary, living on the home farm, Fred Howard, who died in infancy, and John S.

Mrs. Irvenia Olmsted presided over her home with rare grace and efficiency and showed a tact and wisdom that endeared her to the hearts of all. She was a woman of culture and refinement, and a valuable addition to the social life of the neighborhood.

The Olmsted family have in their possession a large black marble top center table, which formerly stood in the parlor of the Olmsted estate, "Sunnyside," Covington, Ky. At one time the soldiers made the house their headquarters, and broke the marble in several places.

Although Thomas B. Olmsted came from a family of comparative affluence, his success in life was chiefly of his own making. He was a good business manager and prospered well. He was upright and industrious, and respected by all. He was a natural artist and left a picture or sketch to each one of his children as a remembrance. His daughter, Harriet, Mrs. Kenyon, has inherited this talent, and has given expression to her gift in several beautiful pictures, which she has painted, and which have stood well the examination of art critics.

Mr. Olmsted, subject of this sketch, was educated in the country schools of Franklin township, and has always resided on the home farm. He is a Republican in politics and follows the example of his ancestors in his public spirit and good citizenship. He married Miss Irene Denniston, December 11, 1907. They have one child, John S., born December 7, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted are members of the Presbyterian church.





The Olmsted home is located on a natural building site, one of the finest locations for a country home to be found in the county. Part of the residence and many of the outbuildings were on the farm when he bought it, but they have been remodeled or rebuilt, and in 1876 the house assumed its present dimensions. It is conceded to be one of the handsomest places in the county and is kept in beautiful condition. The house is tastefully furnished, showing good taste and refinement, the interior presenting very much the appearance of some old colonial mansion of the South. The fields and orchards are pleasant to look upon, and reflect great credit on Mr. Olmsted, showing him to be a substantial and energetic farmer. He is broad in his opinions and he and his sisters are worthy representatives of an old and honorable family.

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#### CAPT. JOHN EMERY EDGINGTON.

One of the most highly respected men of Washington township, Clermont county, is Capt. John Emery Edgington, in the government employ as captain of the "Guyandot," on the Ohio river. He has been on the river several years, and has steadily progressed by reason of his steadfast attention to duty and his reliability. He was born in Manchester, Ohio, March 18, 1870, and is a son of George E. and Nannie (Scott) Edgington, the father always a river man. George E. Edgington was born in Manchester, Ohio, December 22, 1851, and lives in Augusta. He has filled every position on a boat, from that of deck hand up, and is one of the best known captains on the Ohio. He owns and conducts a ferryboat at Augusta, as he has passed the age when he can keep in any other service. He takes very good care of his ferryboat, which is known as the "Whisper." The mother, who is a second cousin of President Harrison's wife, was born near Aberdeen, Ohio, in 1850.

They had eight children, all born in Adams county, Ohio, except the two youngest sons, who were born in Kentucky: John Emery, of this sketch; Archibald, a pilot on a Cincinnati and Chilo packet and a resident of the latter place; Robert Winifred is moving from Pittsburgh to Louisville, and will be a captain on the steamer, "Steel City"; Morris Andrew is a resident of Chilo, and captain of a steamer; Roy is a pilot on his father's ferryboat; Ernest, greatly gifted in vocal and in-



strumental music, with a fine voice and able to play any instrument, died in 1900, at the age of ten years; Edna, wife of Dr. Smith, of Augusta; Estle, wife of Robert Hedges, died in 1902. Both parents are members of the Methodist church and are highly regarded by all.

Mr. Edgington began his education at Manchester, Ohio, and attended business college in Wichita, Kan. His first work in his profession was as purser on a steam boat, and he learned the duties of the various men aboard ship, from deck hand up, through the direction of his father, who required him to fire in the engine room, learn cooking, act as mate, deck hand, and in other capacities, so that he is one of the most thorough steam boat men on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, receiving his license when he was twenty-one years old. He is one of the most popular men on the river and counts his friends by the hundreds. He is thorough-going and conscientious and, has always taken an active interest in his work. He thoroughly deserves the honor of an appointment to a government position and performs his duties with a methodical thoroughness that insures their being satisfactory in every way. He has the respect of the men employed under his charge and is considerate in their interest. He was employed by such large boats as the "Tacoma," and was for six years captain of the "Courier," and also worked on the "Princess," a Coney Island boat, and a tow boat known as the "Douglas Hall." He is held in affectionate regard by one and all, and when he left the tow boat to accept the honor of his present position, his employees much regretted losing his company. He is well liked by the government and has made rapid progress in his chosen field of fields. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally is an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Christian church, and for several years, while living at Chilo, was superintendent of the Sunday school.

On November 19, 1889, Mr. Edgington was united in marriage with Miss Jessie E. Forsythe, who was born in Vanceburg, Ky., on June 18, 1870, daughter of John A. and Mary B. (Adams) Forsythe. Mr. Forsythe was born in Adams county, Ohio, December 19, 1840, is retired from active life and lives in Moscow, Ohio, and Mrs. Forsythe was born in the same county, June 12, 1844. Her great-grandfather, John Adams, was the first settler of Adams county, was of Irish descent, and secured land from the government, and this land is still in the possession of the Adams family, the house he built being still standing, the oldest house in the entire county. He mar-





ried Nancy Ford, of Ford's Ferry, Va. Mrs. Edgington's grandfather, Moses Adams, was born in Virginia, of Irish descent, and came to Adams county, Ohio, from Virginia. He was a farmer and married Sarah Stockup, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, of Scotch parents, and immigrated first to Redburn, Pa., afterward coming to Kentucky. John A. Forsythe farmed two years in Kansas, and had a cab and transfer business in Wichita, that State, for a time. While a resident of Vanceburg, before going west, he was chief of police for nine successive years, and was well known in that part of Kentucky. He was a Republican in politics and was city revenue collector for some time. He held office much of his life and was town marshal of Moscow. He located in Clermont county in 1907. He and his wife had seven children: Mrs. Edgington, born in Vanceburg, Ky.; John M., born in Adams county, Ohio, is unmarried and lives in Mexico; Edith M., born in Lewis county, Ky., is the wife of Edward Raiké, of Covington, that State; Katherine, born in Seward county, Kansas, lives with Mrs. Edgington, who reared her. Mr. and Mrs. Edgington have one son, John Clyde, born in Wichita, Kan., who attends school in Moscow.

Mrs. Edgington's father was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea, also fought in the battles of Chickamauga and Atlanta, serving in Company K, Ohio volunteer infantry, Seventieth regiment, and one of his uncles served in the Revolution. Mrs. Edgington's paternal ancestors were furnace blowers of Kentucky, and one of her ancestors, Abraham Forsythe, married a girl who was born at Pensacola, Wales, and came to the United States at the age of six months, growing to beautiful womanhood. He saw her when he was a youth of sixteen, and she but an infant, and was so impressed with her beauty that he kissed her and vowed he would some day return and marry her, which he did when he was thirty-two years old. At her death he was nearly broken-hearted and never looked again on the face of a woman. He reared his family in Adams county, Ohio, and his sons joined the Union army. His wife died when she was thirty-five years of age. The grandfather of Mrs. Edgington's mother, Lewis Calvin, was one of the earliest white men in Kentucky and became a noted Indian fighter. He carried mail from Gallipolis to Maysville, Ky., in a bark canoe, and killed the last Indian in the State of Ohio.

John A. Forsythe had a coal yard in Vanceburg, Ky., and lost it in the flood of 1883-84.





Mr. Edgington's ancestors on his father's side, the Hunts and Jacobses, were of English birth and became early settlers of Maryland. They leased land along the Baltimore river for a period of ninety-nine years, and their contract was written on parchment, with the first seal of Maryland. This land was for the purpose of business buildings on the water front of the Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgington were playmates in childhood, in the age when he delighted in pulling her curls, and were separated at the time her parents moved to Wichita. After her return their acquaintance was renewed, and their friendship ripened to a warmer feeling. They are devoted to one another and work for a common interest. Mrs. Edgington is as much of a business woman as her husband is a business man. Both are proud of the part taken by their ancestors in the earlier history of the State and Nation, and both are intelligent and ambitious. They moved to their present beautiful home on the hill on March 7, 1907, and have one hundred and seventeen acres of choice land, most of it devoted to fruit. They have twenty acres of apple orchard and twenty-five hundred choice peach trees, besides pears, plums, cherries and berries, theirs being considered one of the finest orchards in Southern Ohio. They also have a dairy and creamery business, which yields a good income, and all this is managed by Mrs. Edgington while her husband is away. She gets the highest prices for her product, which finds a market in Cincinnati. She is an excellent manager, and although she came to the place heavily in debt, she and her family now have every comfort. She is a reader and student and profits by the advice freely given by the government in the management of her place. There is probably not an abler business woman in the county and she is justly proud of her husband and his achievements. She has a very good memory and is able to make good use of her knowledge in every day life. She is a woman of culture and good judgment, and is charitable and public-spirited in her thought and deed. She is a member of the Christian church.

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#### WILLIAM B. ADAMS (Deceased).

In the death of the late William B. Adams Clermont county lost a valuable citizen. He was well known as a business man and belonged to one of the best families of the region. He



won a high reputation for upright living and public spirit, and was known to be a model son, a kind husband and a loving father to his own children. Mr. Adams was born in Cynthiana, Ky., on May 9, 1865, son of Robert S. and Mary Antoinette (Batson) Adams. Robert S. Adams was born at Millersburg, Ky., May 23, 1823, and the mother at Colemansville, Ky., October 27, 1828, and both died in Clermont county, Ohio, he May 29, 1900, and she October 27, 1909. Both are buried in the cemetery at Felicity. He carried on farming in Kentucky and after coming to Ohio continued that occupation. He and his father owned slaves in Kentucky, but later, Robert S. Adams, who was a great temperance worker, moved to Ohio, where he and his wife became well known as active members of the Christian church. The Adams family was an old one in Kentucky, and prominent in the early history of that region. Robert S. Adams and wife had but one child, William B.

William B. Adams was reared in a Christian family and early learned the most important lessons of life. He was surrounded by good influences in his home, which showed their effect in his after life. He was educated in Millersburg and Lexington, Ky. He began the study of law, but his eyes failed and he later turned his attention to bookkeeping, graduating from a business course in a Lexington school. He was first employed in the office of Costall & Price, who had an extensive business, and later went to work for Watkins & Company, who conducted a large shoe business in Lexington, the same company that became Watkins & Spencer Company. Mr. Adams became a traveling salesman for Smith & Nixon, with whom he remained for some time, and at the time of his death had been with John Church & Company (piano dealers), of Cincinnati, for some years. He was a salesman of extraordinary ability and made a good record wherever his interests were centered. He was a valued employee of every firm with which he was identified and was greatly missed by them. He was a Democrat in politics and for years was a member of the United Commercial Travelers. After the death of his father he moved to Felicity, so his wife would look after his mother. He passed away in March, 1909, mourned by the entire community.

On October 15, 1889, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Beulah Virginia Smith, who was born in Lex-





ington, Ky., March 22, 1869, daughter of I. Y. and Ruth Antoinette (Adams) Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Lexington in 1844, and died in August, 1911, and Mrs. Smith was born at Bethany, W. Va., in 1846, and died in March, 1912. They are buried in the family burying ground at Lexington, Ky. He was for many years a prominent shoe merchant in Lexington, and later spent many years in coal business there. He served as city councilman and trustee of Hamilton College and Kentucky University. Being a man of education and superior gifts, he filled well every position of trust with which he was identified, and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. The Smiths were members of the Christian church, and active in public measures for the good of their community.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had six children: Eugene Adams Smith, M. D., of Cleveland, Ohio, a graduate of Bellevue College, of New York City, was for two years chief physician of Harlem Hospital, and later appointed by Governor Brown at Lakeview Anchorage; Mrs. William B. Adams was a graduate of Hamilton College of Lexington, Ky., where she had the advantage of a fine musical training, one of her teachers being Prof. DeRhode, one of the best masters in the country; Bessie Belle, at home; Frank Preston held a position in a freight depot in Lexington, later held a position in Indiana of the same kind, and now is chief clerk in a freight depot in Chicago, Ill.; Clarence died at the age of two years; Earl Russell, a traveling salesman, makes his home at Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Bessie was a bookkeeper for sixteen years, and during that time was in the employ of but two firms.

Mrs. Smith was a Virginian and her father, Richard Adams, had three brothers. They came from England and were distantly related to John Quincy Adams. Her great-grandfather, her mother's grandfather, was Richard (Kant) McCamment, of English or Irish extraction. Of the Adams brothers, one settled in Ohio, one in Pennsylvania, and one, as already mentioned (Richard), in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams had four children, all born in Lexington, Ky.: Robert Smith Adams, born in 1890, a graduate of the high school at Felicity, Ohio, is head bookkeeper for the American Tobacco Company at Lexington; William Harold, born July 27, 1891, died November 12, 1909, and is buried beside his father; Ruth Marie, born December 9, 1894, is a graduate of the high school at Felicity, and of the Midway



College, of Midway, Ky.; Virginia Belle, born in 1898, attends Felicity High School. Mrs. Adams has given her children excellent education and has carefully reared them to honorable and useful manhood and womanhood.

Mrs. Adams is a music teacher of high standing and is believed to be the ablest member of the profession in Clermont county. She has some thirty pupils in Felicity, and teaches in other villages in that part of the county. She is a woman of culture and refinement, and is well liked for her pleasant manner. She owns a farm of seventy-five acres near Felicity, which she rents. She has shown excellent judgment and intelligence in managing her affairs.

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#### CHARLES A. FAGLEY.

Charles A. Fagley is the most extensive land owner of Tate township, Clermont county, and has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser. He is a native of the county, born at Bethel, in 1855, son of Lewis and Mary (Fox) Fagley. His father was born in Germany in 1802, and died in 1882, and his wife, a native of Ohio, was born in 1812, and died in 1876, both being buried at Bethel. He was but two years old when brought to America by his parents, who located in Cincinnati, where there were but two brick houses in the town, and when the Indians were frequently to be seen on Vine street. He came to Clermont county in 1851 and engaged in farming in Tate township. He and his wife had twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity, and seven of whom now survive: W. H., deceased; M. W., of Bethel; Sallie, wife of R. B. Simpson, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; Keziah, wife of P. D. Milner, of Tate township; W. C. is deceased; Harriet Ann, wife of J. R. Barns, of Forestville; Charles A.; E. J. lives at Reading, Hamilton county, and the eldest, Mrs. Eva McHenry, lives at Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Fagley was educated in Bethel school, remained on his father's farm until he reached his majority, then went to Nebraska and remained six years. He then returned to his father's farm and remained until the latter's death. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss Louise Iden Stone, who was born in the house that is now the Fagley home, in 1855. She is a daughter of Herman and Julia (Iden) Stone. Mr.





Stone was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1828, and died in 1875, and Mrs. Stone was born in Tate township, Clermont county, in 1833, and died in 1897. They had the following four children: Mrs. Fagley, who was the eldest; William H., of Minnesota; Mary, wife of E. L. Harmon, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; one child died in infancy. Mr. Harmon is a member of the Harmon Real Estate Company. Mr. Fagley purchased the Iden farm in 1899 and sold a portion of it later, at a good profit. This farm had been in the Iden family for nearly one hundred years and its original owners were very early settlers of the township. The Stones were also early comers to Clermont county, and both families were prominent in its early history. The Fagleys came to Clermont county at a somewhat later date, but all three families have always stood high in public opinion and their members have been well liked.

Mr. Fagley came to his present farm of three hundred acres in Tate township in 1898 and is regarded as a progressive citizen and an industrious farmer. He has fine grounds, his house is located on a beautiful building site, and he has very substantial barns and other farm buildings. He has recently erected a new barn. He is popular with his neighbors and has many friends, who appreciate his sterling qualities. His estimable wife has helped greatly in building up the family fortunes, and is much respected by all. Mr. Fagley was reared a Republican, but is now a Progressive, for he believes in reform and other principals of the new party. He served five years as a member of the school board and for some time was turnpike superintendent. His wife is a member of the Christian church, and he formerly belonged to the Wesleyan denomination.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fagley: Walter, twenty-three years of age, born February 16, 1889, attends Moore's Hill College in Indiana, from which he expects to graduate in 1913; Robert, born November 27, 1890, being now twenty-one years of age, is a graduate of Bethel High School, and is now in the employ of the Globe-Wernicke Company, of Cincinnati; Albert, born January 31, 1893, is a graduate of Bethel High School; Herman, born December 11, 1898; Candace Louise died at the age of ten years, and is buried in Bethel cemetery. Although but thirteen years of age, the youngest son, Herman, is in the junior year at Bethel High School.





Mr. Fagley's brothers, Will and Millard Fagley, served in the Civil war from Ohio, the first as a captain and the second as a private. His brothers-in-law, T. B. Miller and Robert Simpson, also served in that war.

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### ROBB FAMILY.

Alexander Robb and his wife, Barbara (Light) Robb, came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1804, from Pennsylvania. They settled three miles north of what is now New Richmond. Mrs. Robb had been previously married to a Mr. Williamson, who had been killed in Pennsylvania by the Indians. By this marriage there were four children, of whom there are a number of descendants in Ohio. The present sheriff of Clermont county, Charles Williams, is a great-grandson. The Robb's children who grew to maturity and married were six in number—four sons and two daughters:

James Robb, the oldest, was born near Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1788. He died in Highland county, Ohio, July 5, 1863. He had married Catherine Husong, by whom there were seven children who grew to years of maturity. Of these all married except Louisa, the youngest, who died at nineteen years of age. Andrew, the oldest, was a physician in Ohio for fifty years.

The second son, Isaac, was both a farmer and amateur lawyer, who was ready at any time to come to the defense of anyone he thought was about to be wronged.

Charles, the third, is mentioned in another part of this work.

Lucian B., a son by a second marriage of James Robb, is a resident of East Cincinnati, where he has been identified with the drug business for the last fifty years. He has also been in the real estate and building and loan associations many years. He married Miss Clara Carver. No children. They have cared for several of other people's children in a parental way.

Andrew Robb is survived by an only daughter, Mrs. Clara R. Smith, who, with her family, now resides at Montrose, Colo.

Isaac, the second son, died August 14, 1893. He left a widow and five children.

The oldest daughter, Mrs. M. L. R. Hutchinson, with her family, four in all, is a resident of Clermont county.

The second daughter, Georgia R. Brachman, with three of her family, lives at San Diego, Cal.



The third daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth J. R. Selph, died November 19, 1905. She left a husband and six children, two sons and four daughters.

The youngest daughter, Mrs. Dollie M. R. White, resides on Price Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband, and an only daughter.

Lucian B. Robb (before mentioned) is the only one of the third generation now bearing the name of James Robb's branch of the family, and the youngest member of the family, Dr. Isaac Robb, who lives in Tacoma, Wash., is the only one of the fourth generation to bear the name of the same branch. The founder of the family was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and in religion a Presbyterian.

There were two authors among the descendants, one of the third generation and one of the fourth, the latter being the late Eliza Archard Conner.

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### EDWARD H. PATTISON.

Prof. Edward H. Pattison, superintendent of the public schools at Owensville, Ohio, is a man of broad literary attainment and the impress of his individuality is felt in all the departments of the school. A portion of his time is devoted to the supervision of the schools and the remainder of the time is given to teaching. The birth of Edward H. Pattison occurred in 1877, near Bethel, Ohio, his parents being John S. and Mary (Manning) Pattison, the former of whom was born near Point Isabel in 1847, and died September 23, 1906. He was a successful farmer of Tate township, practically all of his active life. His wife was born near Bethel in 1849, and is now making her home with her son, Edward H.

Mr. Pattison is one of seven children, all born in Clermont county, Ohio, and are as follows:

Clarence, is a teacher of Van Wert, Ohio.

Myrtle, who is the wife of William Reinhardt, is a resident of Branch Hill, Ohio.

John Ross, of Covington, Ky., is a wood carver by occupation.

Walter Clifton is a resident of Cincinnati.

Dale is employed in Cincinnati.

Frank is a teacher of Stonelick township, Clermont county.

Prof. Pattison obtained his education in the various smaller





schools of the county, later becoming a student of the Bethel High School. He continued his studies at the Amelia High School, from which he graduated, remaining under the parental roof until he had reached his majority.

Mr. Pattison entered the Spanish-American war at the age of twenty-one years and gave five months' service to his country in her time of need. After his return from the war, it became necessary for him to spend a year in Colorado to recuperate his health, which had become impaired by the exposure and hardship during his service.

Returning to Clermont county after his western trip, Mr. Pattison was united in marriage, in 1900, to Miss Irene McKibben, who was born at Flags Springs, Ky., April 18, 1883, a daughter of Albert and Theresa (Ross) McKibben. The father was born in 1857, in Clermont county, Ohio, and the mother was born near Laurel, Ohio, in Clermont county. They are residents of Moscow, Washington township, Clermont county. In their family were six children, all natives of Clermont county.

Mary is the wife of Thomas Peterson, of Point Pleasant, Ohio.

Emma became the wife of Charles Hirsh, and is deceased. The parents of Mr. Hirsh purchased the old Grant home at Point Pleasant, and Mr. Charles Hirsh was born in the same room in which General Grant first saw the light of day.

Albert is a resident of Point Pleasant, Ohio.

Pearl, who has never married, is at home.

Irene, is Mrs. Pattison.

John, at home.

Mrs. Pattison's mother was a playmate of General Corbin, and her Grandfather Ross was a native of Germany, who came to this country when quite young. Her grandfather, George McKibben, and his four sons, J. W. McKibben, Frank McKibben, W. T. McKibben, and David McKibben, all served as soldiers in the Fifty-ninth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry in the Civil war.

In the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Pattison are two children:

Stanley E., who was born March 17, 1902, at Lindale, Clermont county, Ohio.

Thelma M., born in Clermontville, Ohio, July 21, 1903.

The Pattison family were originally from the east and settled in Clermont county, Ohio, when it was very thinly settled.



The late Governor John M. Pattison was a distant relative of Mr. E. H. Pattison, and was one of the first of the family to change the spelling of the name from Patterson to the present Pattison.

Since his return from Colorado, Prof. Pattison has followed the profession of teaching in Clermont county, and in 1910 was elected to take charge of the schools at Owensville, as superintendent of schools. He has a contract to fill this position for three years, from 1912 to 1915, and is perhaps the youngest superintendent in the county. He also enjoys the distinction of being the only teacher in the county who is drawing a pension for services in the Spanish-American war. It is also a matter of some note that four of the family of seven children born to the parents of Mr. Pattison are, or have been, teachers in the county. Mr. Pattison now holds both common and high school State certificates, granted by the State of Ohio.

Mr. Pattison purchased his pleasant home on Broadway in 1912, and all that he has accumulated has been through his own efforts. He has become a factor in educational circles of the county and has discharged the duties of his present position with a promptness and fidelity that has left no question as to his ability and personal worth.

In politics, Prof. Pattison gives his support to the Democratic party, and while he does not seek office, he takes a great interest in all questions that affect the public good of the community in which he lives. Mr. Pattison attends the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Pattison is an active member.

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#### HENRY O. PURKHISER.

Mr. Henry O. Purkhiser owns and operates his finely improved farm of seventy-five acres, which is located on the Lindale Pike in Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio. His progressive ideas and earnest industry are indicated by his beautiful and substantial home. His life has been one of continuous and well directed activity, and he is classed among the leading agriculturists of the county.

Mr. Purkhiser was born in Monroe township, south of Nicholasville, Clermont county, Ohio, March 8, 1852, and is a son of Lorenzo Dow and Eliza (Brannen) Purkhiser, the lat-







HENRY O. PURKISER



LAURA C. (LANNA) PURKISER





ter of whom was a native of Clermont county, having been born in Washington township in 1816 and died in Monroe township in 1891. She was one of nine children, including: Newton, John, Harvey, Milton, Sarah, Mary, Dorcas and Martha.

Lorenzo Dow Purkhiser, the father of our subject, was born in Washington township, Clermont county, June 16, 1815, and passed away November 15, 1887, after spending his entire life in the county of his nativity. He was a farmer and stock raiser of great business ability, being thoroughly familiar with all the details of general farming. He served in school and local offices of the county, doing his duty by all. He was a captain of the militia in the early days. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Purkhiser, who were married November 23, 1812, were probably both born in Clermont county, their home being in Washington township. Elizabeth was a daughter of Michael Gilbert, a Clermont county farmer. They were the parents of six children:

Lorenzo Dow, the father of our subject, John, Gilbert, Collins, Nancy, and Catherine.

Mr. Purkhiser acquired a good common school education, deciding early in life to follow the occupation of farming and to this end learned from his father all that is essential to success in that line.

On November 27, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Henry O. Purkhiser to Miss Laura C. Hanna, who was born February 14, 1856, in Illinois, and is a daughter of Charles and Elmina L. (Breadwell) Hanna, who were residents of Tate township, Clermont county, Ohio, for many years. Elmina L. (Breadwell) Hanna was one of eight sisters, all of whom lived to an advanced age, and three brothers, one of whom died recently, while the other two are living. The oldest now living is over ninety years of age and the youngest is over eighty years of age. Mrs. Hanna died in 1908, in the eighty-first year of her age. Charles Hanna was a captain of militia in the early days and served through the greater part of the Civil war, being killed in battle.

Mrs. Purkhiser is one of nine children:

David's death took place when he was sixteen years of age.

Mary, married John Porter, of Tennessee.

Saphronia, is the wife of Charles Calkins, of Tennessee.

Lydia, is Mrs. Marion Davis, residing in Illinois.

Mrs. H. O. Purkhiser.



Thomas B., of Peoria, Ill., is in the grocery business, and is secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association, of that place.

Clara, married John Barrett, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Charles, a resident of New York City, is inspector of the glucose factories for a large corporation.

Belle, is Mrs. John Hill, of Peoria, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Purkhiser have had seven children born to their union, of whom two died in infancy. The others are:

Allen C., born December 10, 1882, and died September 7, 1885.

Howard Guy, whose birth occurred June 8, 1887, is a resident of Idaho.

Roy C., born February 25, 1889, is attending the Ohio State University, studying civil engineering.

Miss Louise, who was born February 12, 1894, is a graduate of the Batavia High School.

Miss Mary D., born December 16, 1895, attending Batavia High School.

Mr. Purkhiser has one brother and two sisters living:

Martha, who is the widow of Dr. George L. Zugg, is a resident of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Annie, who was the wife of Dr. J. P. Richardson, died at Chicago in 1907.

Emma Caroline and Mary D. died in infancy.

Lorenzo B. resides in Idaho.

Arabella was Mrs. Dr. Charles L. Kennedy, of Laurel, Ohio. Her death occurred in January, 1912.

Miss Ella B., of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Mr. Purkhiser votes for the principles of the Democratic party, but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He keeps well informed on all the questions and issues of the day and is loyal to the principles in which he believes. He is interested in the schools of his vicinity and has served on the school board. He holds membership in Amelia Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and both he and Mrs. Purkhiser are devoted members of the Presbyterian church, giving liberally to all worthy causes.

It is hardly necessary to state that Mr. Purkhiser has many warm friends and admirers in the county, owing to his rare insight into human nature, and his just dealings with all. His natural adaptability and constant attention to the details of his agricultural business have made of him a pronounced suc-





cess. He has been aided by his estimable and efficient wife, who has devoted her life to the best interests of her husband and children.

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### WILLIAM H. EVANS, M. D.

William H. Evans, M. D., who for nearly a half of a century has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Hiatt, in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, is a man of remarkable personality and signal achievement and the life of one so closely connected with professional, religious and literary movements of any community is generally invested with much interest; and a short sketch of such a life cannot but prove instructive to the careful reader of history.

For the past fifty-two years Dr. Evans has been a contributor to the "Ripley Bee," writing under the nom de plume of "Barlow." His war record brought him into honorable prominence also, for with that spirit of bravery and duty which has ever characterized him, he offered himself to his country, for service, early in the siege of the Civil war.

The birth of Dr. William H. Evans occurred on the land settled by his grandfather, in 1800, in Huntington township, Brown county, his natal day being October 8, 1835, having a twin brother, Abraham F., who in later years was also an eminent physician, who died in 1862. The parents of William H. Evans were Hon. Andrew and Mary (Hiatt) Evans.

Hon. Andrew Evans was born at the old home, two miles below Hiatt, on the East Fork of Eagle creek, December 12, 1809, and passed from this life at the same home, on September 12, 1879. He was a successful farmer and skilled mechanic, having a shop on the farm, near the mill which his father built and operated, as did Andrew and others of the family. He was a Democrat until 1862. He was elected to the Ohio legislature from Brown county, serving one term. He was recognized as a leading politician and as a strictly honorable and able citizen. He was a son of John and Mary (Housh) Evans.

John Evans was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, November 17, 1770, and his death took place in Brown county, Ohio, April 27, 1862. In the year of 1792, John Evans left the State of his nativity and settled near Blue Lick Springs in Kentucky, where he had a residence for some eight years. In 1800, he came to Brown county, Ohio, where he purchased



five hundred and thirty-five acres in the central part of Huntington township. Later, in 1826, Mr. Evans erected a grist mill on the Little East Fork of Eagle creek, which was in operation for many years. He was a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and was one of the first county commissioners of Brown county. He was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, and served in the ranks of the privates. In religious faith, he was of the Quaker persuasion, while his wife was of the Episcopalian belief. She was born in Pennsylvania, where they were married and her mother was of German birth. John Evans was a son of John, Sr., and Hannah (Griffith) Evans, both of whom died in Maryland. John Evans, Sr., was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Evans, of Welsh descent; they settled in Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, near New North Wales.

Mary (Hielt) Evans was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, April 21, 1815, and departed this life August 10, 1892. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Daniels) Hielt, both of Fairfax county, Virginia, who came to Brown county after their marriage, about 1806. Two of their children, Nellie and Samuel, were born in Virginia, and the others were born in Brown county. Mary Hielt was the youngest of eight children, including John, James, Lettie, Isabella and Elizabeth.

A brother of William, John Hielt, came to Brown county in 1812, and it was his son, John K., who was the largest contributor to the building of John K. Hielt's chapel, that building being named in honor of him. This chapel was erected in 1870, and is located in the western part of Huntington township, on Eagle creek, on the North Pole pike, leading to Ripley. William and John Hielt were sons of Simeon and Polly (Providence) Hielt, both of whom were born in Fairfax county, Virginia, where they also died.

• Dr. William H. Evans is one of eleven children, of whom one brother and three sisters are living:

Samuel, born April 18, 1834, and died May 27, 1910, at his home on the old home place, in Huntington township.

William H., and his twin brother, Abraham F., born October 8, 1835, the latter of whom died on May 4, 1862, at his home at Aberdeen, Ohio. He was also a physician and had practiced some years before his death at Pleasant Hill, Ind.

Indiana, born November 3, 1837, married Mr. George W. Early, September 3, 1857, and her residence is at Columbus,



Ohio. Her son, Dr. Louis Mortimer, died in the spring of 1912 and Mr. Early is also deceased.

John B., born March 12, 1841, died May 27, 1863. He was a member of Company F, Seventieth Ohio volunteer infantry. His death was the result of an illness, contracted in the service.

Amos A., born April 2, 1843, and died November 24, 1864, at home. He was a clerk in the war department for some time.

Mary, born September 30, 1845, married February 6, 1873, to Mr. Walter Grierson, and they reside at Hiatt, where they own a store, which they have conducted for some time.

Isabella E., born March 25, 1849, married on March 28, 1872, to John F. Hawk, of near Ripley, on the Russellville Pike. Her son conducts a livery at Ripley.

Ann Delia, born October 24, 1851, died January 25, 1866.

Joseph H., born February 15, 1854, and married Louisa B. Dragoo. His death occurred August 1, 1892, and his widow lives in Union township.

Lee Andrew, born October 16, 1858, is a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., where for the past six years he has been engaged as a veterinary surgeon.

in both professional and business life have grown up on farms, and such was the case of Dr. Evans. When he had reached school age, he also assisted his father on the farm, and in the mill, and after completing the district schools, he entered a local grammar school, in company with his twin brother, Abraham F. In this way he acquired a good common school education, which in later life enabled him to broaden his knowledge along other more congenial lines.

On the 23d of September, 1857, William H. Evans was united in marriage to Amanda, daughter of Robert and Johanna (Cooper) Scott, of Brown county. Mrs. Evans died November 1, 1860, at the age of twenty-two years, five months and thirteen days, leaving two children: Samuel Walter, who was born July 12, 1858, died October 6, 1861, and Andrew,

It has often been remarked that most of the successful men who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, October 19, 1860, and died September 19, 1861.

In 1860, Mr. Evans removed from Huntington township, Brown county, to near West Point, Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming for one season, and also read medicine with his twin brother, who had graduated from





the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati. After the death of Mrs. Evans he returned to his parents' home with the babes. He then studied medicine with Dr. Denham S. Guthrie, at Aberdeen, until his enlistment in the army of the Civil war.

On April 12, 1862, Dr. William Evans entered the army in Company E, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was appointed duty sergeant in the organization of the regiment. He was sent to the front and was active in numerous engagements up to August 14, 1863, when he was commissioned hospital steward of the regiment. He participated in thirty-one battles and skirmishes, his regiment being organized with the First brigade, Third division, Fourteenth army corps, under Generals Thomas and Sherman. Dr. Evans engaged in the famous "March to the Sea," and the engagements included Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and others. He was never injured seriously nor suffered from any illness to interfere with his duties. On December 24, 1864, he was detailed hospital steward of the Fourteenth corps, remaining in Savannah until the following March, then rejoined the regiment at Goldsboro, N. C., remaining there until Johnson's surrender. The regiment then marched to Washington City, where, on June 7, 1865, he received an honorable discharge. He participated in the Grand Review at the capital, after which he returned to his home.

Returning to Aberdeen, Ohio, after the close of the war, Mr. Evans resumed his medical study with Dr. John W. Guthrie, continuing until the October following, when he entered the Charity Hospital Medical College, of Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the lectures of Prof. R. N. Barr, then surgeon-general of Ohio. On February 21, 1866, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine and at once began the practice of his profession in Huntington township, removing to Hiatt, on September 30, 1868.

The marriage of Dr. William H. Evans to Maria Power Games occurred on December 5, 1867. She was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, February 25, 1853, a daughter of Hon. John F. and Amanda (Earley) Games. Seven children have been added to the family of Dr. and Mrs. Evans, two of whom are deceased, Wylie and Nellie H., the latter of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows:

W. T. Sherman and P. H. Sheridan, twins, who were born October 1, 1868. The former resides at home and is an at-



tache of the State hospital at Dayton, Ohio, which position he has filled for the past seven years. The latter is an attache of the hospital of Columbus, Ohio. He married Miss Agnes Shewmaker.

Esther Early, born August 22, 1874, is the wife of William N. Campbell, of Union township, near Ripley, Ohio. He is a grandson of the late Dr. and United States Senator Campbell, of Ripley. They are the parents of five children—Nellie B., Leora N., William Richard, Edwin A. and Evelyn E.

Minnie Myrtle, born February 16, 1876, is the wife of Edwin B. Kinkead, a farmer of Union township. They have two children, Esther Marie and William Glenn.

Wylie Weber, born November 30, 1878, died at Ripley, Ohio, June 24, 1894.

Edwin Glenn was born January 21, 1894. He is at home with his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Evans reside at their comfortable home at Hiett. Dr. Evans joined the Christian church at Bethlehem, in 1856, being the first of the family to become a member. He was licentiate minister of the Ohio Christian conference for twelve years, when he resigned. Mrs. Evans is also a member of that denomination.

In politics, Dr. Evans has always been an advocate of the principles of the Republican party and has always taken an intelligent interest in all public affairs. He was Republican nominee for sheriff in 1870, and was also nominee for State Senator in the the Fourth district, but was defeated owing to the heavy Democratic plurality.

For a period of four years, Dr. Evans was chairman of the United States board of pension examiners, with headquarters at Maysville, Ky., under President Harrison.

Socially, Dr. Evans is a member of W. Wirt Liggett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Ripley, Ohio. He served as chaplain and also a surgeon. He served as an officer of the Ohio State organization, department of Ohio.

Dr. Evans has successfully practiced his profession for forty-five years at Hiett, Ohio, and is most highly esteemed as a physician and as a citizen by a very large circle of relatives, friends and acquaintances. He is also widely known as a well informed authority on matters historical.

Benjamin Evans, an uncle of our subject, was justice of the peace for many years, and also served in the capacity of county auditor of Brown county, and later served as State Sena-





tor. A son of his, Andrew Evans, has served as representative of Atchinson county, Kansas.

Dr. William H. Evans is always in touch with the progress of the times in business life, in political thought, in religious sentiment, and in the general movement of the world toward a higher civilization. He is a useful and forceful factor in molding public thought and opinion, leaving the impress of his individuality for good upon many lines of thought and activity. In purity and strength of character, whether as a private citizen or a public servant, he has few equals.

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### THE JOHN JENKINS FAMILY.

John Jenkins, a native of England, immigrated to New Jersey and settled near Little Egg Harbor, where Tuckerton now stands. Here, he reared a large family, among whom were the sons, Uriah, Isaac, and John, men of sterling worth. Isaac and his wife, Hannah, were noble types of New Jersey Methodism. Isaac was for many years mail contractor and stage owner on the route between Tuckerton and Philadelphia. This couple lived to a good old age, leaving a large property, for that day, his nephew, John Jenkins, of Ohio, being one of the beneficiaries of his will. One daughter of the emigrant John Jenkins married Joseph Adams, a son of whom came to Clermont county. Another married a Mr. Penn. Her life was the tragedy of the family, for becoming insane, in one of her frenzies, she killed her husband. The youngest daughter, Rebecca, married George Peterson. Their bodies lie in Williamsburg cemetery.

John Jenkins, son of the English emigrant, who was born November 20, 1764, and died July 12, 1830, was married to Catherine Vaughan, of Philadelphia. She was of French descent, beautiful in feature, graceful in form, sweet-spirited and gentle, possessed of energy and courage fitting for pioneer times, and a strict Methodist, always wearing the "Methodist bonnet." In 1805 John and Catherine Jenkins came with their eight children to find a new home in the far west, traveling in wagons over the Alleghany mountains, shooting game and catching fish for much of their subsistence, by the way. Sometimes the wagons were separated for days, and even weeks, causing delays and anxiety. Reaching the Ohio river they



floated down on a flat boat, sheltered by a tent for cooking their food, and to furnish their sleeping arrangements. Landing at the mouth of Bullskin creek, they journeyed northward to Bantam, near Ulrey's Run, where they were entertained at the home of David and Nancy White, the latter being a sister of Catherine Jenkins, until their own cabin was prepared. Here, with marvelous energy, they began home making. By their strenuous efforts, they soon became independent, getting their farm in order and, later, building a substantial two-story frame house, which was the pride of the neighborhood. Here their nine children, one born in their new home, grew to lives of usefulness and honor. They were devout Methodists, and were largely instrumental in building the society and the church home called Collin's Chapel, in honor of the pioneer preacher, Rev. John Collins. The name was later changed to Bethel, then to Old Bethel. The old cemetery there contains a monument which marks the burial place of Rev. John Collins. John and Catherine Jenkins are buried there, he dying July 12, 1830, and she July 15, 1840, aged seventy-two years. The children of John and Catherine Jenkins were: Zephaniah, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Susanna, John, Joseph, Rhoda, and Nancy. Zephaniah's first marriage was to Nancy Burnett, and second to Perine Guinup. Mary married Robert Cazel. Elizabeth's husband was Benjamin Barton. Thomas married Permelia Anderson. Susanna's first husband was Robert Wright and second, George Peterson. Joseph married Susan Fisher, niece of Hon. David Fisher. Rhoda married Samuel Cordry, and Nancy married John Harvey.

John Jenkins, third son of John and Catherine Jenkins, was born March 9, 1800, and came with his parents to Ohio in 1805. He made fair proficiency in the meager schools of the time, and, by capability and integrity was, through life, called to fill many places of trust. He lived for a time in the family of the noted Rev. John Collins, for whom and his excellent wife, he ever held the highest esteem, as friends and counselors. On August 23, 1825, he was married to Eliza Homan. They bought a farm near Williamsburg, where they reared their family. He was a true patriot, and was noted as a champion for the abolition of slavery, and for temperance. He died July 15, 1873.

Eliza Jenkins, the daughter of David and Rachel Davis Homan, was born in Camden, N. J., November 17, 1805. When not more than six years old, she lost her mother, and then





lived for a short time with an aunt in Philadelphia, then came west with her father, who died soon after, leaving her dependent upon her own exertions. Her schooling was a term of six weeks, the "quarter" of a subscription school being divided between her and a step-brother. In this time she learned to read and write, all other knowledge of books being acquired alone while working bravely for her own support, and helping a younger brother. She was of modest and retiring nature, possessing strong common sense, was earnest and forceful in her purposes of right and duty. She died November 7, 1879.

Their children were four. George Peterson, born May 22, 1826, after leaving district school, was a student in Rev. Gaines' Select School, in Williamsburg. He began teaching early, and later conducted May Seminary, in Bantam, where he met and married Caroline, daughter of John and Nancy Simmons Hitch. After teaching a high school for sometime in Connersville, Ind., he entered the Southeast Indiana Conference, as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Here he labored many years, rising to a first class place in the conference, was given the title of Doctor of Divinity, served as pastor of circuits and stations, as presiding elder and delegate to general conference. The last three years of his active life he was president of Moore's Hill College. Broken in health he retired to his home in Greencastle, where he died, April 1, 1897. The older son of George P. and Caroline Jenkins, Oliver Peebles Jenkins, born November 3, 1850, is a graduate of Moore's Hill College, a post-graduate of Northwestern University and of Johns Hopkins University. He for a time conducted the Indiana State Normal, was a professor in DePauw University, and he entered Stanford University, California, at its institution, as professor of natural sciences, which chair he still fills. He is the author of two text books on physiology, which were adopted in the Indiana public schools, and is an authority on other scientific subjects. Clara, only daughter of George P. and Caroline Jenkins, was born January 26, 1853, and is the wife of Rev. Alfred Kummer, D. D., of Oakland, Cal. Wilbur Olin, younger son of George P. and Caroline Jenkins, born December 28, 1861, is now a leading physician in Terre Haute, Ind.

Joseph, second son of John and Eliza Jenkins, born February 26, 1830, attended May Seminary, taught a number of years, and was married, April 23, 1857, to Elizabeth, daughter of Orson and Hannah Burnett Young, and bought a farm





near Williamsburg, to which he added until it became so large as to claim his whole attention the balance of his life. He possessed more than ordinary mental power, with keen insight, good judgment, and unflinching integrity, he filled many positions of trust. He served as justice of the peace for many years, and was a valued advisor in law and other matters. He died July 28, 1890. Of his children, Mary was born September 26, 1859, and is married to James, son of Joseph and Jane Glancy, and lives at Afton, Ohio. Harvey Edgar, born June 8, 1865, at present owns and conducts a feed mill and store in Williamsburg. Albertine, born April 14, 1873, married Wilbur, son of Frank and Sarah Slade Duckwall, of Batavia, and died at their home in Salina, Kan., April 25, 1912.

Anna, daughter of John and Eliza Jenkins, born January 14, 1834, after leaving public school, attended May Seminary and the Spofford Select School of Williamsburg, taught in Clermont, Brown and Montgomery counties, filling at different times every department in the Williamsburg schools, including superintendent, the only woman who has filled that duty in Clermont county. This life work has included more than forty years of successful labor. Late in life, she was married to Dr. Charles Parker Dennis, son of James and Sarah Parker Dennis, formerly of Batavia. He was born April 8, 1833, at Batavia, Ohio, and died August 5, 1908, at Portsmouth, Ohio. His principal education, after leaving common schools, was at Miami University. While there, he enlisted in Company D, Forty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, as a private, and was promoted to second lieutenant, Company D, December, 1861, and first lieutenant, Company B, December, 1862, and to captain, November 26, 1864, but was not mustered. He was discharged by expiration of term of service, November 18, 1864. He served as assistant inspector on the staff of General Ewing, and in division headquarters on the staff of Gen. M. L. Smith. He was in a number of battles, and was wounded four times. He was graduated from the Ohio Dental College and finally located in Portsmouth, Ohio. He was a member of Bailey Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Loyal Legion of the United States. At the time of his death, he was serving on the city board of review of Portsmouth. The home of Anna Jenkins Dennis is now in Williamsburg, Ohio.

John Harvey, third son of John and Eliza Jenkins, born July 30, 1839, was a student in May Seminary. He taught two years, and was looking forward to education for the ministry,



when the shock of the Civil war came. He answered Lincoln's first call for volunteers, on the fall of Fort Sumter, enlisting in Company E, Twenty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. After that service of three months, he enlisted for three years, in Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio regiment. He had served half that time, when he received his death wound in the battle at Tunnel Hill, just after passing through the conflict of Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. He enlisted as a private and was promoted, a lieutenant's commission coming to him on his deathbed. He died in Chattanooga Hospital, March 16, 1864. His remains rest in Concord cemetery. He was tried and true. His now aged comrades in arms still speak of him with tears of love and sorrow. In honor of his name, the Williamsburg Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, bears his name.

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### HUGH L. NICHOLS.

Hugh L. Nichols, Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, was born at New Richmond, Clermont county, March 25, 1865. He is the eldest son of the late Judge Perry J. and Mrs. Jeannette (Gilmore) Nichols, and through his father a descendant of Col. Jonathan Donham, a man prominent in the early days of the county. His great-uncle, P. J. Donham, was for years recognized as one of the leading and most successful lawyers in Cincinnati, and other members of the family achieved distinction in other lines. Up to his fourteenth year the subject of this sketch lived with his parents in New Richmond, and began his schooling there and even at that early age by proficiency in his studies, gave evidence of his possession of that strong mentality which has been so fully manifested in his later career. Removing with his family to Batavia in 1879, where his father went to assume the duties of the office of probate judge, he completed his common school course in that village, graduating from the high school in the class of 1883.

The year after his graduation he matriculated as a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, where he remained for a year, but desiring to complete the study of the law, which he had already taken up, he entered the Cincinnati Law School, and in due course was admitted to the bar, in 1886. Entering into a partnership with his father, under the firm name of Nichols





& Nichols, he soon demonstrated his ability in the hard contests of actual practice, taking up almost from the beginning, the trial of the cases of his firm. He has perhaps tried more cases in court in the past twenty-five years than any contemporary member of the local bar. About 1900 his brother, Allen B. Nichols, was admitted to the partnership, which continued until dissolved by the death of Judge Nichols, in 1908.

The firm which enjoys a large and lucrative practice, is made up of the two brothers, Hugh L. and Allen B. Nichols. Few cases of great importance have been tried in the Clermont courts for years in which Governor Nichols did not appear as one of the leading counsel. Adhesion to the Democratic faith in politics is a tradition in that branch of the Nichols family to which the Governor belongs, and his interest in public affairs and in politics was early manifested. The qualities of his mind especially fitted him for political management and leadership, and his abilities in that direction first had scope in the campaign of 1890, in which year the Clermont Democracy achieved one of its greatest victories. A result which was justly largely attributed to the efforts of the young leader. Never seeking office for himself, he was nominated and elected as a member of the Ohio State Senate in 1897, and served with distinction, but declined a re-election.

His service and abilities then attracted to him the notice of men of affairs, and in 1898, when only thirty-three years of age, he was made the nominee of his party for supreme judge of Ohio. After this campaign he devoted his attention for several years to the practice of his profession, until called upon by Governor Harmon, in 1910, to take charge of his campaign for re-election. His work in that campaign, when he marshaled the Democratic force of Ohio to their greatest victory, is now a matter of history.

On the election of Lieutenant-Governor Pomerene to the United States Senate, Governor Harmon's tender of the appointment to the vacancy to Governor Nichols, was a graceful acknowledgment of the debt which he felt he owed his manager. During the session of the legislature which followed, he presided over the deliberations of the Senate and showed not only his skill in guiding a turbulent assembly, but also his devotion to those progressive principles to which his party is now so completely committed.

When Governor Harmon cast about for a manager for his



presidential campaign the splendid service rendered by Governor Nichols in the campaign of 1910, pointed to him as a fitting man. His work in that contest from the opening of headquarters until the last ballot was taken at Baltimore, displayed the energy, ability and loyalty to his obligations which are marked features of Governor Nichols's character. While he did not win in the sense of nominating his candidate, he showed those qualities which deserve success.

When the Ohio Democratic State convention met, in 1912, Governor Nichols, yielding to the persistent demand by his party associates in the State, consented to accept the nomination for lieutenant governor, as the running mate of Governor Cox. At the ensuing election, he ran third on a ticket containing ten names, and his majority was over one hundred and fifty thousand.

As these lines are written, he is presiding over the State Senate at Columbus. Governor Nichols was a delegate from the Sixth district to the Democratic National convention in 1900, and in 1912 a delegate at large from the State of Ohio to the Baltimore convention, where he appeared as the personal representative of Governor Harmon on the floor.

His political career has been a brilliant one, and those who know the man and his ability and have watched his career, do not doubt that the future holds greater honors in store for him.

The true estimate of a man is made by those who for years have come in contact with him in his daily life and judged by this test, Hugh L. Nichols comes up fully to the highest conception of citizenship and manhood. The esteem in which he is held by his neighbors and the wide popularity which he enjoys is based not only upon pride in his recognized ability, but in the feeling akin to affection born of a knowledge of his kindly impulses, his quick and sympathetic heart and his generous and unostentatious charities, which are limited by neither creed, condition, nor color. Governor Nichols has been a member of the Presbyterian church since boyhood, and is prominent in its work and faithful in his attendance on its services. His discharge of every duty, public and private, which has devolved upon him has born the impress of that high-mindedness which is a distinguishing feature of his character. Governor Nichols was married in 1887 to Miss Louise Dean Stirling, a daughter of the late W. B. C. Stirling, an amiable and accomplished woman, and their beautiful home on Wood street in Batavia is a center of social activities and the seat of a refined and generous hospitality.





## LEONIDAS S. FRIDMAN.

The name which appears at the head of this biographical mention is worthy of a place in these volumes as a representative of a family widely known in connection with the important business interests of Clermont county, Ohio, a family which in its history illustrates those qualities of enterprise, sound judgment and unwavering integrity, which has won recognition in the county of their nativity because of the business acumen of many who have borne the name.

One of the most versatile of the sons of Franklin Fridman, Sr., is Leonidas S. Fridman, whose varied interests have made him an important figure in the business circles of this locality. He is secretary and treasurer of the Fridman Lumber Company, vice-president of the First National Bank, of New Richmond, succeeding his father as director in 1895, secretary and treasurer of the Fridman Seating Company, and is a director of four other incorporated companies, being president of two of them and vice-president of another.

Leonidas S. Fridman was born at Clermontville, Ohio, August 11, 1868, and was reared and educated in the schools of Monroe township, after which he became a student of the noted Parker's Academy. In 1888, he took a business course at the Eastman Business College, of Poughkeepsie, New York, graduating in March, 1889.

At the age of eleven years, Mr. Fridman displayed great ambition toward a business career, which he began by clerking in his father's store at Clermontville. At the age of sixteen years he turned his attention to agricultural matters and assisted in the operation of the home farm, following this line of business until 1888. After his return from business college, he accepted a position with the Fridman-Roberts Company, which he held for six months, resigning to become second clerk on the steamer "Tacoma," which plied the Ohio river from Cincinnati to Chilo. In November, 1891, Mr. Fridman resigned this position to accept a clerkship on the steamer "Bonanza," which was owned by the Cincinnati, Portsmouth, Big Sandy & Pomeroy Packet Company, continuing until June, 1892. He then became associated with the Fridman-Roberts Company, and in March, 1893, purchased the interest of Mr. Roberts, the corporation becoming the Fridman Lumber Company, with our subject as treasurer, which position he held to January, 1896, when he was elected secretary and treasurer, which position he has held continuously since.





From 1901 to 1911, Mr. L. S. Fridman owned and operated a store at Wyatt, Mo., in Mississippi county, and together with his brother, William M. Fridman, bought small tracts of land, adding to until they owned several hundred acres of the best Missouri land, which they finally sold out at a handsome profit, in December, 1910. Mr. L. S. Fridman sold his store and stock in November, 1911, and has since been interested in other and larger enterprises.

On June 30, 1896, occurred the marriage of Mr. L. S. Fridman to Miss Lina Linn, a Brown county lady, a daughter of Carl and Louisa (Hensel) Linn, early residents of near Ripley. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman have had one child to bless their union, Leonidas Linn, who was born June 9, 1902.

In political matters Mr. Fridman is an active Democrat, but has refused public office because of his many private interests. He was appointed by the mayor of New Richmond as trustee of the Electric Light & Water Works Building Company, and served until the plant was completed, when he resigned on account of pressing business affairs.

Mr. Fridman is a member and a trustee of the Presbyterian church, and has been a member of the board of education for several years past. Conscientious in all his business dealings, he has won the respect of all with whom he has been associated.

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### WILBUR S. STRICKLAND.

Wilbur S. Strickland, a well known educator in Cincinnati, who has been connected with the system of public education in the city for the past twenty-one years, has, since 1901, held the responsible position of principal of the Sherman Public School. The Sherman School is one of the largest schools in Cincinnati, having at times an enrollment of upwards of 1,400 pupils, with a corps of about twenty-five teachers. This school has a number of special features, including the pioneer Mothers' and Teachers' Club, of Cincinnati, introduced by Mr. Strickland, and a movement which is spreading rapidly.

The subject of this review represents a pioneer family in Clermont county, although his birth occurred at St. Louis, Mo., January 16, 1859. His parents were Paul M. and Isabella (Spargo) Strickland, the latter of whom was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1828, and passed to her eternal reward in the year 1871. She was a devout member of the Episcopal





WILBUR S. STRICKLAND





church and was a lady of very refined and artistic nature. During her active life she did some excellent pencil drawing.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, was Michael Strickland, a native of England, who settled first at Cape May, New Jersey, and came to Clermont county in 1809, where he secured six hundred acres of land in Tate township and erected the first brick house on Poplar creek, in 1811. Michael Strickland was a fine mechanic and could construct almost any article made with tools. A fine stone sundial made by him is still in existence. He was also an extensive farmer and stockman and took great pleasure in transforming the wilderness of his possessions into a valuable property. He spent the remaining years of his life in Clermont county, where his death occurred March 8, 1851, at the age of eighty-seven. His wife, Eleanor (Cullen) Strickland, was a member of the original "Bible Society," whose function was the distribution of religious literature, giving Bibles to her sons, Mark, Paul, Daniel, Hope; and her daughters, Sarah (Light), Betsy (Ogden), Maria (Mason), Harriet (McCall), and Hannah (Edwards); and many grandchildren. She was a native of Ireland, and her death also occurred in Clermont county, June 15, 1860, at the age of eighty-five.

Mark Strickland, the grandfather of Wilbur S. Strickland, and a son of Michael Strickland, was born at Cape May, New Jersey, in 1792, and was among the pioneers of Clermont county. He was a noted Abolitionist and his home was a station on the "Underground Railroad," many slaves being assisted to freedom by his help. By occupation, he was a blacksmith at New Richmond, where he had a very lucrative business. He responded to the call of his country for defense at the time of the War of 1812, and won much honor by his brave and courageous conduct. Being possessed of the pioneering spirit, he sold his property in Clermont county and became one of the early settlers of Louisiana, where he owned two hundred acres of land in Caddo Parish. On account of the slavery existing in Louisiana, he returned to Clermont county, where he remained until his death, in 1883, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He was a most interesting character, very active and high-minded, and upright in all his conduct. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, very strict in his beliefs and always ready to assist in all worthy enterprises. He was trustee of New Richmond from 1831 to 1833, and of Ohio township from 1835 to 1836. Mr. Strickland was



three times married, the first union being with Tryphosa Newton, daughter of Ebenezer Newton, a Clermont pioneer, and author of a text book on spelling. To this union were born two sons and two daughters. His second marriage was with Margaret Quinlan and his third wife was Elizabeth Snider, who bore him two daughters, Belle, who married Mel Patchell, of Middletown, Ohio, and Emma, who married Arthur Grant, of Mt. Washington, Ohio. He survived all three wives.

Paul McGrew Strickland, son of Mark and Tryphosa (Newton) Strickland, was born at Monroe, La., in 1821, and passed away in Clermont county at his father's farm, near Owensville, in 1874. He was one of a family of four children; Francis B., his brother, was widely known and prominent as a writer and scholar prior to the Civil war; he published the "New Richmond Advertiser," 1854, was editor of the "New Richmond Weekly Dispatch" for some years, and his death took place at New Richmond in early manhood. One of the sisters, Alice, married first, John Swem, and second, John McDonald, who died recently at Louisville, Ill., at the age of ninety-one years. Two daughters, one of each union, are living: Mrs. Julia (Swem) Swift, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Laura (McDonald) Barbee, of Louisville, Ill. The second sister, Eleanor, married John Graham. Paul M. Strickland was for many years chief engineer on steamboats plying western rivers. During part of the Civil war, he was chief engineer on the gunboat, "Juliet," under Admiral Porter, making a record for skill and bravery. He married Isabella Spargo at Upper St. Clair, near Pittsburgh, July 5, 1855, and their home was at various places, owing to his profession, and to their union were born five children:

A. Newton was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1856, and became well known as an instructor, having taught schools at Forestville, Maple Grove and Clover, all of which are in Clermont county. His death occurred while teaching at Clover, in 1883, in his twenty-eighth year. He was of an artistic temperament and had he been spared would have developed into an artist of some note. He left a number of fine drawings, showing rare artistic talent, and highly prized by their owners.

Wilbur S., the subject of this mention.

Worden E. was born in Newport, Ky., February 16, 1861, and is a locomotive engineer, of Cleveland, Ohio, and married Irene Quirk in 1905.

Mary died at the age of ten years, in 1876.





Joseph C. was born at St. Louis, Mo., April 13, 1868, and is a graduate of the University of Indiana. He is a Spanish scholar and has held important customs agent positions abroad, in the West Indies and Mexico. He was special agent of the Mexican Central railway at Tampico. On account of ill health, he has retired to his ranch near Tucson, Ariz. He is artistic and highly educated. His sketches, drawings and water colors are admired by critics of art work. He married, in 1899, Helen Endres, daughter of a well known family of St. Louis, Mo.

Wilbur S. Strickland acquired his education in the schools of St. Louis, Mo., Clermont county, Ohio, and at the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the Scientific Class of 1887. He began his career as a teacher in 1879, near Bethel, Ohio, where he taught for a period of four years in rural schools. He then became the superintendent of schools at Amelia, Ohio, where he remained for three years, following which he filled the position of superintendent of schools at Bethel, Ohio, from 1888 to 1890. The next change was to take charge of the schools at Cheviot, now a part of Cincinnati. From 1892 to 1895, Mr. Strickland was first assistant of the Twenty-second district of Cincinnati and from 1895 to 1901 filled the position of principal of Whit-tier School, and from 1901 to the present time has held the position of principal of the Sherman Public School. The extremely satisfactory manner in which he has filled these various positions has placed him among the foremost instructors in this section of the State. The progressive measures which he has instituted in bringing mothers and teachers together for the common good of the children have proved to be a great benefit to all.

Mr. W. S. Strickland was united in marriage on August 20, 1890, to Miss Georgie Girardey, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Light) Girardey. The Light family is a pioneer family of the county and the members have always been prominent in the progress and growth of all its enterprises. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland now own the David Light estate, "Spring Dale," in Williamsburg township, making it their summer home.

Mrs. Strickland's father was George Girardey, Jr., born in 1835, and dying in 1912. He was the only child of George, Sr., and Mary Girardey, both natives of France. George, Sr., was a skilled confectioner and author of a valuable book on confectionery and baking. Losing both parents while very young,





George, Jr., made his home with the family of David Light in 1847, and on the departure of the young men of the family for California, took charge of the estate. He married, in 1864, Elizabeth F. Light, daughter of David and Sarah (Strickland) Light. His great fund of anecdotes and love of fishing made him the "Izaak Walton" of Clover. Mrs. Elizabeth F. Girardey, born in 1828, and dying in 1907, had the remarkable record of having her birth, marriage and death all occur upon the same farm. She had fine literary tastes, and during the Civil war made and embroidered many flags for the Union army, one rare and remarkably beautiful embroidered banner being still preserved by Mrs. Strickland.

Through her mother, Mrs. Strickland is descended from the noted Light family, pioneers of Clermont county. John Light served in the Pennsylvania line three years in the War of 1776, and was the father of Jacob, Daniel and Peter Light, among Clermont's first pioneers, while it was not yet organized. Jacob Light, a Revolutionary soldier, was with the noted O. M. Spencer when the latter was captured by the Indians, as related in Spencer's "Indian Captivity," and later founded New Richmond, in 1814. An account of these early settlers is found elsewhere in this volume and also in Rockey and Bancroft's "History of Clermont County" (1880). Before 1800, Peter Light, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Strickland, settled on five hundred acres of land north of Clover creek. He was county surveyor for ten years. His three children were, George C., David and Susanna. George C. Light was county surveyor for five years, and representative in 1812-1813, and later became a celebrated minister and pulpit orator. He died at Vicksburg, Miss., on his seventy-fifth birthday, February 27, 1860. David Light, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Strickland, died in 1845, his wife, Sarah S., in 1888, at the age of ninety-two years. The children who survived the parents were, George S., William Wayland, Harriet and Elizabeth F. (Girardey). George S. Light became a pharmacist, and originated several excellent remedies. He owned a fine estate, "Light Hills," now in Covington, Ky. Dr. William Wayland Light, who was born in 1817 and died in 1895, became a pioneer of California, and a noted character of Sacramento City. A graphic account of his heroic struggle with a war party of Yaqui Indians, in 1868, after they had slain his brother, Andrew Hopkins Light, and his nephew, Julian M. Light, is found elsewhere in this volume, under the story of the



"Gold Rush." Mrs. Strickland has many interesting relics, collected by her uncle, Dr. W. W. Light. The late R. J. Pancroft said, "The Light family has been one of the most notable in Clermont, and none that ever settled in it has a more famous pioneer record antedated by a splendid history in the Revolutionary and Indian times that tried men's souls."

Two children have come to bless and cheer the union of Mr. and Mrs. Strickland:

Elizabeth Girardey, born in 1892, a graduate of the Walnut Hills High School, has considerable artistic talent, being proficient in pen and ink work, water colors and also in china painting.

David Light, born in 1896, a student of the Walnut Hills High School.

The city residence of Mr. and Mrs. Strickland is at 2005 Hudson avenue, Norwood, Ohio.

Socially, Mr. Strickland has membership in Norwood Lodge, No. 576, Free and Accepted Masons. He is particularly interested in the "Home and School League" movement, humane work, forestry and agricultural work, orcharding and the general improvement of rural life. His interest in these matters is evidenced by frequent addresses before parents and teachers and public meetings. He has given his life to a profession which is of eminent service to his fellow men, and his zeal and enthusiasm in his chosen calling, supplementing a naturally strong mind, have made him an educator whose ability is recognized. He is an active member of the National Education Association, also of the Schoolmasters' Club and Principals' Association of Cincinnati, and was president of the latter organization in 1911-1912.

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### HARVEY HAWLEY.

Mr. Harvey Hawley, one of the prosperous and substantial farmers and stock raisers of Clermont county, Ohio, has been a resident of Goshen township since 1839, when he was eight years of age. He recalls without difficulty the development and progress of the county and the present generation knows but little of and can hardly appreciate the suffering and labor and privation that brought about the present delightful condition of the hills and valleys of Clermont from the wild untamed forests of "The Northwest Territory." Mr. Hawley





owns and operates his finely improved farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres in Goshen township. He was born near Mason, Warren county, Ohio, October 9, 1830, and is a son of Joel and Mary (Dill) Hawley.

Joel Hawley was a native of Connecticut, a son of John Hawley, who brought the family to Ohio about 1812, settling near Oxford, Ohio. Joel and John, his sons, settled later in Warren county, Ohio, where the former remained until 1839, when he removed to Goshen township, Clermont county, and became a successful and greatly respected farmer. His birth occurred June 12, 1795, and his death took place in the year of 1855. He was a Whig in politics and later a Republican.

Mary (Dill) Hawley was born August 8, 1792, and departed this life in 1842. Her marriage to Mr. Joel Hawley occurred September 9, 1818. They were both members of the Methodist church, he being very active in church and Sabbath school work, and a local preacher. Their union was blessed with five sons, namely:

Hiram W., deceased.

Dr. Albert, a resident of Preble county, Ohio, where for many years, he was a prominent physician, is now in his ninety-second year of life.

Andrew D. was also a physician, and is now deceased.

Joel Franklin, deceased.

Harvey, the subject of this mention.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Joel Hawley chose for his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Lewis, nee Brown, and they became the parents of two children:

Charles E., residing at Ramona, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Julia, who married J. M. Vandervort, and who died in the spring of 1913.

Mr. Harvey Hawley was reared on his father's farm and enjoyed the educational privileges of a school at Milford, Ohio, for two years. He then continued his studies at Antioch College, under Horace Mann, until he was called home on account of the death of his father. Since that time he has managed the home farm, and he is justly proud of the great changes which have been effected on this property through the industry and good management of his father and himself.

The marriage of Mr. Harvey Hawley to Miss Mary E. Lewis occurred in 1859. Mrs. Hawley was born at Lebanon, Ohio, May 16, 1833, and died April 21, 1899. She was a daughter of William and Sarah (Brown) Lewis, the former a manufacturer



of carriages. The Lewises were of Welsh descent and the Brown family were from Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley became the parents of five children:

Evelyn Sarah, Albert Lewis, who died at the age of eleven months, Lavina Blanche, Cora Mary and Lura Merdith, who is the wife of O. P. Bodley, of Loveland, Ohio. They have two children, Harvey Hawley and Virginia Meredith.

Politically, Mr. Hawley is a staunch Republican, and has refused to accept all proffered public offices. He has, however, served for many years on the school board.

Mr. Hawley is an active member of the Presbyterian church, to which Mrs. Hawley also belonged.

For a number of years, Mr. Hawley was president of the First National Bank of Loveland. As a first class citizen he has cast his influence in the directions of those movements which, in his opinion, have been for the best interest of the township and county, and is considered one of its representative men.

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### JOHN C. FUHR.

John C. Fuhr, dealer in general hardware, ranges, plumbers' supplies, etc., in Williamsburg, was born in Dieburg, Starkenburg, Hessen, Germany, February 25, 1863, the son of John and Katherine (Deuter) Fuhr. After three and one-half years, his parents moved to Homberg, where John later attended public school, which ends there at fourteen years, when arrangements were made for him to serve an apprenticeship in the tinner's trade for three years, during the first two of which he attended night school for mechanical instruction. During the third year he received wages from his employer, William Kuhl, as he had become a skilled workman. At the same time he learned the work in the other two departments, that of bookkeeping and buying. He set out for America from Bremer-Hafen by the steamer "General Werder," and landed at New York on July 3, 1881, in the midst of the excitement over the assassination of President Garfield. Soon after he went to Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, where he was employed for a year and a half at more per day than his weekly wages would have been in his native land. He learned the language of his adopted country very rapidly, and later worked at his trade in various other shops in Cincinnati, with the idea of increasing his mechanical knowledge.





In 1883 Mr. Fuhr came to Williamsburg, and for a time was employed in a tin and stove business, but in 1886 he bought out his employer, D. R. Rees, and added a stock of hardware, putting in the savings from his earnings, but by efficient business methods he has gradually prospered until he has a large stock and a paying business.

On December 28, 1886, John C. Fuhr was married to Cora B. Walker, of Williamsburg. She was born in Newtonville, Clermont county, Ohio, and is the only child of Ludwell G. and Nancy J. (Smith) Walker. Her father, a veteran of the Union army, is the only living son of William and Mary (Smith) Walker. William Walker was the sixth son among the sixteen children of Hillary and Elizabeth (Snell) Walker. Elizabeth (Snell) Walker was the eighth child of Adam Snell. Adam Snell and Hillary Walker came to Clermont county in 1806, from Pennsylvania. More than a score of their descendants were Union soldiers. Mary (Smith) Walker was a daughter of Captain Stephen Smith, who commanded a noted company from "Old Clermont" in the War of 1812. Captain Smith's wife was Sarah Kain, a daughter of James Kain, the first settler in the East Fork valley of the Little Miami river. Nancy J. (Smith) Walker, on the maternal side, is a granddaughter of Adam Snell, and on the paternal side is descended from Jadiah and Millicent Smith, pioneers in Clermont county from Trenton, N. J. The Kains, Walkers and Snells are elsewhere mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. Fuhr have six living children: John Roy, born December 23, 1887, was graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1905, and from Mechanic's Institute, in Cincinnati, in 1907. He was married August 28, 1909, to Edna B. Davidson, also a native of Clermont county, and a daughter of Joseph M. and Carrie (Knauer) Davidson, and a granddaughter of James Davidson, elsewhere sketched. Stanley W., born April 15, 1889, carries on a job printing establishment at Williamsburg. He married Carrie L. Nichols, of Batavia, Ohio. She is a daughter of Clayton B. and Maude (Hitch) Nichols, of Batavia. Pauline died in infancy. Lida S. graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1913. Ralph D., Mary K. and Helen L. are students in the public school.

John C. Fuhr has been a leading factor in many successful business enterprises. When the Williamsburg Furniture Company was organized he was one of the promoters and stock holders, has served as one of its directors, and at present is vice-president of the company. He was also one of the pro-





moters of the original brick company, and the present brick company is the result of that organization. When the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank was organized, he was one of the original stockholders and is one of the six directors. He was one of the first of the community to start a movement for a telephone, and was the first president of the Williamsburg Home Telephone Company. He has built and owns several properties in Williamsburg. In 1908 he bought ninety-six acres of land in Williamsburg township, which he is developing into a fine farm.

Besides being interested in many business ventures, Mr. Fuhr has been honored by his fellow citizens with many positions of trust, which he has creditably filled. He became a Republican and has served as a delegate to State conventions, helping nominate several governors. He has served on the school board and in city council several times. His son, Roy, is village clerk, and Stanley one of the council. Mr. Fuhr is a director of the Clermont Publishing Company, the Republican organ of the county. He takes an active part in both religious and fraternal life of his community. Although born and baptized in the Catholic church, his mother being a Catholic, he was confirmed a Lutheran, the faith of his father. After his marriage, he became a member of the Presbyterian church, as his wife was thus reared, and has served as assistant Sunday school superintendent. He was one of the prime movers and chairman of the building committee which erected the new modern edifice of that denomination. He became a vice-president of the Clermont County Sunday School Association, and served a number of times as delegate to their State conventions, also a delegate to International conventions at Toronto, Canada, Louisville and San Francisco. Mr. Fuhr became a member of the Angola Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1886. He has filled all the offices except secretary, and is past grand. He was a promoter and a charter member of the encampment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fuhr are members of the Rebecca order, of which Mrs. Fuhr has passed through all the chairs. He is a member of Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, in which he has served as junior warden. He has taken the Royal Arch degree at Batavia, and is a member of Hanselman Commandery, No. 16, of Cincinnati. He and his wife are members of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Fuhr has been an ardent worker in the cause of temperance, and has long been in the front rank in the battles that



have been fought for that cause. He was chairman of the county local option committee prior to the election of 1908, which resulted in a victory for the "drys." Mr. Fuhr came to this country with no means except his talent, but by patient industry and honest dealings with his fellow men, he has built an enviable position in both the financial and social world. By his public spirit and contribution of time, talent and money he has been a prime factor in the upbuilding of the community. He has been abundantly blessed with this world's goods. His name and his works will be treasured and respected by his children and many friends.

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#### WILLIAM H. MILLER.

William H. Miller owns one of the most up-to-date farms in Clermont county, which consists of two hundred and thirty-two acres of productive land on the Bantam turnpike. Mr. Miller has employed the most progressive and still practical methods, for the operating of his farm with fine success. He was among the first in the county to build a silo and his good substantial buildings are indicative of a keen business mind, as well as a justifiable pride in his possessions. He was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Mt. Washington, July 9, 1855, his parents being William L. and Elizabeth (De Bolt) Miller, who were married January 27, 1851.

William L. Miller was born May 2, 1827, and died May 15, 1896. He was a son of David M. Miller, who was a son of Ichabod Miller. Ichabod Miller, from Pennsylvania, was a notable surveyor, much employed on the eastern side of Hamilton county, where he located many roads still existing. He married a daughter of Capt. Aaron Mercer, a relative of Gen. Hugh Mercer, who was killed at the Battle of Princeton. Captain Mercer came from Virginia, and reached Columbia just as the troops returned from the scenes of General Harmar's defeats. Captain Mercer and Capt. Ignatius Ross met James Newell going with corn to Covalt's Mill, at Round Bottom, just before the latter was killed by Indians, in September, 1791. Notwithstanding the great danger of the times, Captain Mercer and Miller in 1792 went three miles up on the eastern side of the Little Miami from Gerard's Station, and there, where fine springs gushed from the gravel bank, they built a palisade





or block house, and laid out a town that was called Mercersburg, until changed some eight years later to Newtown. Another daughter of Captain Mercer married Thomas Brown, Jr., a store keeper, who was a son of Thomas Brown, Sr., who laid out Brownsville, on the site of the historic old Fort Red Stone, on the Monogahela.

William L. was well educated and taught in the schools of Hamilton county, Ohio, for a number of years. He was also a surveyor and in 1863 bought two hundred and eighty-five acres of land in Williamsburg township from Gen. David Bone. Mr. William L. Miller followed farming until within a few years of his death, when he purchased a handsome residence in Williamsburg, but returned to the farm before his death. He was a Democrat and was for years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He had membership in the Williamsburg Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he gave largely of his means.

Elizabeth (De Bolt) Miller was born in May, 1831, at Newtown, Ohio, and died December 15, 1902. She was a daughter of Michael and Martha De Bolt, of near Newtown, where they were successful farmers. In early life Mrs. Miller joined the Baptist church, of which her mother was a member, but later joined the Methodist church at Williamsburg.

William H. Miller is the eldest of six children:

Mrs. Eva Moore, of Williamsburg.

Leonard E., of Williamsburg.

Frank M., deceased.

Rev. Idelbert B., of New York State, is in the Methodist ministry.

Mattie M., deceased.

Since the age of eight years, Clermont county has been the home of William H. Miller, and here he received his education in the common schools. He chose the occupation of farming, which he has followed continuously, with the exception of six years, when he was engaged in the insurance business.

On December 25, 1878, at Afton, Ohio, he married Miss Deborah Lukemire, who was born in Clermont county, her parents, William and Hannah Lukemire, being early resident farmers of this section of the county. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been born one son:

William L., who was born November 23, 1879, and is now engaged in mining at Cripple Creek, Colo. He married Irene Burke, of near Bethel, Ohio, and they have two children:



Marie Grace, born August 27, 1904, and George William, born September 20, 1905.

In politics, Mr. Miller is always a Democrat, and served as infirmary director for some six years. He was also a member of the county fair board. In fraternal circles, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. His farming interests indicate the diligence and judgment which he has employed in the management of his affairs. He is well known as a reliable business man, who is public-spirited in citizenship and loyal in friendship.

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#### JOSEPH AND MELINDA MEDARIS SMITH.

After joining a company, of which he was elected captain, Dennis Smith served in the Revolutionary army, and was granted a land warrant for five hundred acres in the Virginia military district. He lived in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and raised a family, of which the sons were: Peter, Joseph, Dennis, Jr., David, Christopher and Abe; and the daughters were: Elizabeth married Jacob Johns, Polly married James Enis, Susan married James Clark, Hannah married James Huffman, Catherine married James Seals, Rachel married Francis Foster, and Sarah married Jacob Meek. Capt. Dennis Smith's bounty land was laid in Clermont county by his sons, Joseph, David and Christopher, and his son-in-law, James Seals. David Smith lived and died in Clermont county, and so did Christopher Smith, whose children, except Francis, Paulina and Amanda, moved to Shawneetown, Ill. The children of Catherine Seals went to Adams county, Illinois.

Joseph, born August 16, 1779, the second son of Capt. Dennis Smith, came to near Cincinnati in about 1800, and then, on account of sickly conditions, to Clermont county, in 1805, and settled for life in Stonelick township, about midway between what is now Boston and Monterey. In 1818 he built the first brick house in the township and died there September 13, 1824. He married Hannah, a daughter of John Hair, whose wife was Nancy Torbett, of Kennedy Jigg. They came from Greene county, Pennsylvania. Hannah was born September 26, 1783, and died January 10, 1839. The other children of John and Nancy Hair were, as some married, Betsy Burns, Elizabeth, Annie Gibson, James, John, Sarah Ross of Knox county, Amelia Clark, William, Cynthia Clark and Samuel. John Hair's family was prominent and highly esteemed. The ten





children of Joseph and Hannah Hair Smith were: John, born February 20, 1806; Dennis, January 10, 1808; Elizabeth, August 21, 1809; Annie, August 21, 1811; Sarah, September 6, 1813; Joseph, June 22, 1815; Hannah, August 24, 1817; Amanda, September 29, 1819; Martha, October 20, 1820; James Harvey, January 24, 1824. John married Adaline Moore and moved to ten miles south of Lafayette, Ind., where he and his wife died in January, 1856. Dennis married Elizabeth Bigam, lived on the home farm and was prosecuting attorney of Clermont county during 1841-44. One of his sons, Frederick, was the historian of the family. Elizabeth married James Moore and Annie married John Moore, a brother, and both families lived on lower Stonelick with much fraternal pleasure. Sarah married Liel Boyd and both died early. Hannah married Daniel Cover. Amanda married Richard Roudebush, of Goshen. Martha Ann married A. Quinlvin, in California. James Harvey and his wife, Maria, lived in Blanchester, Ohio. The descendants of these people are numerous and widely scattered.

Joseph Smith, Jr., the sixth child and third son, married Mary Fletcher, who died leaving Phoebe and Hannah Louisa. Phoebe married Tolcot and moved to Iowa, where she died, leaving two children. Hannah Louisa, living in Quincy, Ill., married William Wires, who was unfortunately killed in 1897. On September 18, 1844, Joseph Smith, Jr., was married to Melinda G. Medaris, born July 5, 1822, a daughter of Charles and Lydia Gest Medaris. Charles was a son of Malachi Medaris, who was born in Maryland in 1777, of Irish parentage. He married in 1797 and moved to North Carolina the next year, where Charles and Shadrach were born. In 1803 he joined a colony for Ohio, crossing the mountains to Pittsburgh and thence with the cattle by Zane's and Donnell's Traces, and the women and children, on ark's down the river. Their settlement, made near Olive Branch, was the home till 1818, when another was taken below Batavia. Lydia Gest, born February 27, 1801, near Batavia, was a daughter of Enoch and Ida Gest, among the earliest of the early pioneers from Kentucky to that vicinity. The children of Charles and Lydia Gest Medaris were: Melinda; Elliot; Paulina, married to James Roudebush; Enoch, married to Sarah, a sister of Governor John M. Pattison; Emma; and Dr. Leonidas H., married to Ella Roudebush. After the death of Lydia, May 28, 1860, Charles married Phoebe Hill, whose two children were





Elmer, and Louisa married to Edwin T. Ely. On the partition of his father's estate, the farm was bought by David Meek and Joseph, Jr., the latter taking the northern part, which he sold in 1844, and then bought the fine tract on the east bank of the East Fork and south of the Jackson pike. On that farm all the children of his wife, Melinda, were born and lived until the home for well earned retirement was fixed in 1871 on Front street in Williamsburg, from which the large farm was directed, while another was bought on lower Crane Run. Joseph Smith, Jr., died September 30, 1891, and Melinda G. Smith, September 28, 1894. They were excellent examples of an energetic, industrious and successful farm life that gained fine respect. They had thirteen children. Charles Elliott, born June 9, 1845, married Ruth Moorehead, a sister of E. S. Moorehead, elsewhere sketched. Francina Isabel, born August 2, 1847, married Thomas W. Moorehead, a soldier for the Union in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio. He was a brother of E. S. Moorehead above mentioned. Mrs. Moorehead died April 9, 1902. Lydia M., born December 18, 1848, died in infancy. Mary Emma, born March 15, 1850, married John Leir. They live in Williamsburg. Amanda, born January 28, 1852, died in infancy. Joseph Harvey. Oizella, born November 20, 1855, married Francis T. Weaver, and died May 8, 1910, leaving four children. Ida Gest, born August 25, 1857, married Al K. Peterson, and died January 31, 1881. Their children died young. Cora, born April 9, 1859, married Robert L. Kain. Lillette May, born April 3, 1861, married Milard F. Peterson, and, after his death, married Francis T. Weaver. They live in Williamsburg. Leonidas Byron. Dennis Howard, born February 14, 1865, married Margaret M. Smith, a niece of Mrs. Joseph Harvey Smith. They live in his parents' old home in Williamsburg. Theodosia, born May 20, 1869, married George Kain. Robert L. and George Kain are sons of Henry C. Kain, elsewhere mentioned, and they live in Long Beach, Cal.

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#### PHILIP G. ARMSTRONG.

Mr. Philip G. Armstrong was a notable representative of an old Clermont county family, and in his business life as general contractor and builder made an excellent reputation for activity, enterprise and reliability. He was a son of Jacob and



Anna (Collins) Armstrong, and was born in Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio, January 27, 1843, and died March 17, 1913, at his home near Milford.

Jacob Armstrong was born in Miami township, 1806, and was a son of John Armstrong and wife, nee Schley, who came to Clermont county early in the Nineteenth century, from Virginia, locating some three and one-half miles east of Milford. In politics, Mr. Armstrong was a Whig and later a Democrat, although not active. His death occurred December 5, 1875, at his fine home farm.

Anna (Collins) Armstrong was a native of New Hampshire, and at the age of seven years, came with her parents, John and Elizabeth Collins, to Clermont county, where they located on a farm in Miami township. John Collins was a prominent Methodist and was a friend of the Rev. Philip Gatch. His death took place at his home and his wife spent her declining years in Clinton county, Ohio. Anna (Collins) Armstrong passed from this life in Clermont county, January 5, 1876, aged about sixty years.

Philip G. Armstrong was one of nine children, of whom three are living:

Mrs. Hill, who is the wife of the Rev. Hezekiah Hill, of Stonelick township.

Miss Anna, residing on the old home farm.

Benjamin, a plasterer by occupation, resides on Woodburn-avenue, Cincinnati.

Reared and educated under the parental roof, Philip G. Armstrong took up the carpenter's trade at Cincinnati, at the age of twenty years, and in his business erected many fine residences in Milford, Madisonville and elsewhere.

Mr. P. G. Armstrong chose for his life's companion, Miss Elvira Stuart, who was born at Perintown, Clermont county, a daughter of William and Mary (James) Stuart, early families of the county, the James family coming to this section from Pennsylvania.

In religious views, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong believe in the faith of the Baptist church, of which she is an active member. He was active in church work for many years. Mr. Armstrong was an independent Republican.

During the active years of Mr. Armstrong's life he accumulated several nice properties in Milford and Cincinnati, and was counted among the substantial men of Clermont county, where he was held in high esteem.





## ERASTUS S. MOORHEAD.

Erastus S. Moorhead, who resides on Front street, near Main, has been a prominent citizen of Williamsburg since 1901, at which time he retired from his finely developed farm not far from Williamsburg.

Mr. Moorhead was the sixth child of Fergus and Lorinda Jane (Walker) Moorhead, being born October 10, 1841, in Jackson township, Clermont county. His father, Fergus Moorhead, was born December 7, 1809, in Pennsylvania, but near the town of Hagerstown, Md., and when but seven or eight years of age accompanied his father, Samuel, to Clermont county, Ohio. His father died soon after, but not until he had accumulated some land and other property. Fergus continued in the business and stock raising, being very successful. In politics he voted the Democratic ticket. After spending some time in the West he returned to his old home in Clermont county. He died January 9, 1867, in Brown county, Ohio, a man sincerely mourned by a wide range of friends and associates.

Lorinda Jane Walker, who became the wife of Fergus Moorhead, April 11, 1832, in Clermont county, was born August 12, 1816, in Old Clermont, now Brown county. She was a daughter of Hilary Walker and wife, who also moved from Pennsylvania in the second decade of the Nineteenth century. Nine children were born to Fergus and Lorinda J. Moorhead:

Darwin D., was born April 10, 1833, married Grace Sweet, and died in the West in 1873, leaving a widow and six children, all of whom are living—J. L., Gertrude (Matter), and Charlina (Schultz), all of Kansas; Elizabeth (Murphy), of Highland county, Ohio; Maskal C., of old Mexico, and Miss Zooline, now in the Panama canal zone, but a resident of Old Mexico.

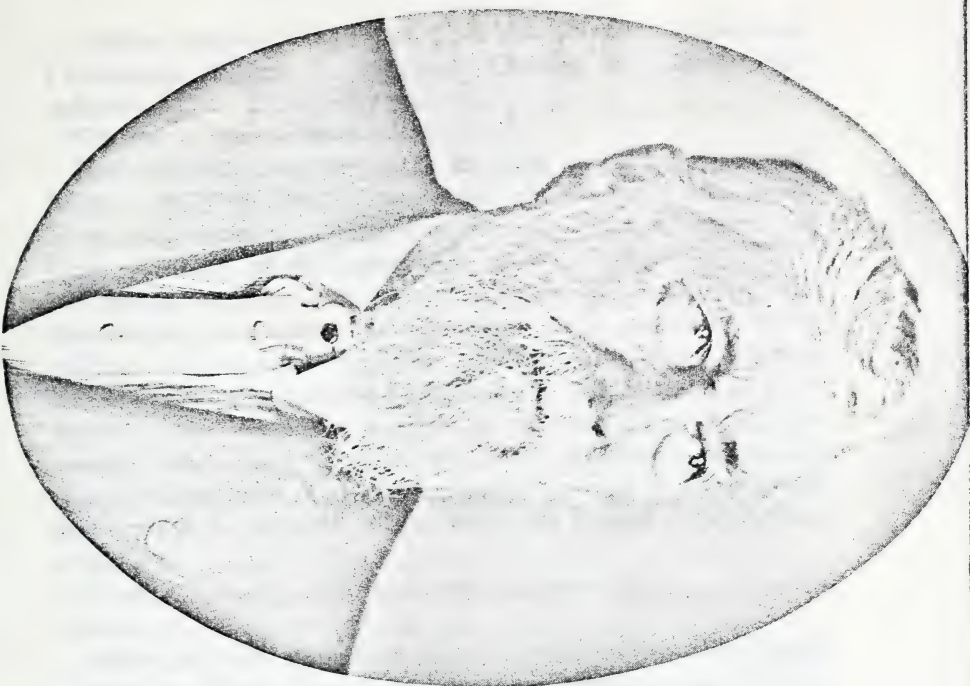
Elizabeth, the second child of Fergus M., was born October 15, 1835, and died in Missouri, September 3, 1849.

Margaret, born May 5, 1837, married Cornelius Holmes, of Williamsburg. They have had two children—Jessie, who died in infancy, and Flavius W., who is married and is a prosperous farmer in Williamsburg township.

Emma Jane, died in infancy.

Mary Jane, who was born March 5, 1840, married D. W. Atchley, in 1863, and died leaving four children—Minnie P.





ERASTUS S. MOORHEAD



NANCY N. (DAVIDSON) MOORHEAD





of Brown county, Ohio, and Corintha (Newton) Davidson, (Terhuna), Maggie P. (White), Charles, and Daisy (Mc-Adams), all of Williamsburg.

Erastus S., our subject.

Ruth W., who was born July 20, 1843, married C. E. Smith, brother of J. H. Smith, mentioned elsewhere in this work. From this union two children were born—Rosa, deceased, and Luna (Marsh), of Williamsburg.

Thomas W., born February 18, 1845, of Williamsburg, who has retired from active business life. As a soldier he was a member of the same regiment and company of his brother, Erastus. He was married to Isabella F. Smith, sister of J. H. Smith. They were the parents of five children—J. E., deceased, Mrs. Alma (Patterson), Jessie (Ashton), deceased, leaving three sons, Chloe (Sentman), now of Williamsburg, and Simeon E., student in the Cincinnati Dental College, class of 1913.

Sarah, the ninth child, was born January 16, 1847, but died in infancy.

After the death of his first wife, Fergus Moorhead was again married, to Mary Jane Arthur. Four children were born to them: Malinda, who died in infancy; Joseph G., who operates the farm of E. S. Moorhead, in Brown county, is married and has a family; Miss V. Belle, who resided with Mr. E. S. Moorhead and wife until her decease, December 23, 1912; and Hester M. (Shough), who, with her husband and family, resides in Missouri.

Mr. E. S. Moorhead, our subject, was reared and has resided practically all his life in Clermont and Brown counties, though he farmed in Hamilton county eight years. He still owns a fine farm of two hundred acres in Brown county. For a time he was interested in the canning business, but has since sold out. He is now a member of the board of directors of the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank of Williamsburg. In 1861 he left his home to fight for his country. He enlisted in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteers, and during the three years, eleven months and fifteen days which he served in the Western army, though his clothing was often cut by bullets, he was never injured. He participated in a great many important engagements, was with "Sherman to the Sea," and was also in the Grand Review at Washington. Sometime after being mustered out he was married, on October 11, 1866, to Miss Nancy N. Davidson.





Miss Davidson, who was born January 14, 1845, in Highland county, Ohio, was the second child of Greenwood K., a native of Kentucky. The family moved to Brown county in 1864, and one year later to Hamilton county, where Mr. Davidson died, in 1869, at the age of fifty years. The mother spent some of her declining days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead, where, in 1894, at the age of seventy-one years, she passed to her reward. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were members of the Christian church. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom are still living: Talitha Cunie (Goetz), of Indiana, who was born August 14, 1842; Mrs. Moorhead, wife of our subject; Isaac, born October 5, 1847, died April 14, 1883; Alvin, born September 15, 1850, who with his family resides on Price Hill, Cincinnati, is a contractor and builder; Mary (Fox), born September 17, 1853, lives in Iowa, near Danville. She has one son, a young man. Lovina (Walker) was born April 12, 1856, and died December 23, 1891. Her husband and their only son are also dead. Miss Cynthia, for ten years, a teacher in Cincinnati, was born January 24, 1859, and died in November, 1893; Kiles, who was born in February, 1862, died in infancy; Lincoln Ellsworth was born November 4, 1863, and died at the age of eighteen months.

After his marriage, Mr. Moorhead located near Williamsburg, but in Brown county. In 1877 he moved to the farm he still owns and lived there until he came to town. He has greatly improved the place until now it is one of the finest farms of this section.

His success at farming and stock raising and later in active business life is the result of a life where common sense and good judgment were combined with honesty of purpose. Mr. Moorhead is one of that class of people known as self-made men. Though known as a business man his influence is wider than his business acquaintanceship. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and take an active part, he filling the position of deacon. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the order of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is also a member. He belongs to the chapter at Batavia, and has filled all the offices of the Masonic order, except that of worshipful master. For over thirty years he has been a faithful member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics, the Republicans claim his vote. His honesty, fairness and sociability have won for him a wide circle of friends.



## LEONIDAS BYRON SMITH.

The third son of Joseph and Melinda Medaris Smith, sketched on other pages of this work, is Leonidas Byron, born March 10, 1863, on his father's fine farm in Clermont county, Ohio, just east and south of where the Jackson township pike bridges the East Fork of the Little Miami. Eight years later, he went with the family, when his father retired with ample means to enjoy village life in a most comfortable and hospitable home, while the house full of children obtained the benefits of the excellent schools of Williamsburg. Yet it was not all school and play for "Lon," as everybody called the cheerful lad, who was trained in physical culture by the judicious father and kept too busy for much mischief, by many errands to the farms, where he thoroughly practiced the use of horses, the care of crops and the management of stock. In the meantime, he was kept steadily in school, until the "Call of the West" was followed in 1883 to Adel, Dallas county, Iowa. He there began active employment as a clerk in the grocery business of J. W. Bly, with whom he continued eight years. He then formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Robert L. Kain, also from Williamsburg, Ohio. That partnership, with the name of Smith and Kain, continued four years, when Kain's interest was purchased. Since then the business has been the property of Mr. Smith, who owns the large and conspicuous block that he built in 1900 to accord with his gratifying prosperity.

In 1888 he was married to Emma, a daughter of Isaac J. and Ellen Bringham Farlow. I. J. Farlow was born April 11, 1827, in Rush county, Indiana, and was a son of Reuben Farlow, who was born in February, 1785, in North Carolina, whence he came, in 1811, to be one of the pioneers of Indiana, where he married Elizabeth Odell, who was born in 1795 in North Carolina. Ellen Bringham was born July 18, 1837, in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, then the pioneer home of her parents, Jesse and Rachel Bringham, whence they came to be pioneers of Cedar county, Iowa. Isaac Farlow attained excellent success in Adel, where he came when there were but two houses on the road to the present city of Des Moines, some thirty miles away. With such long pioneer record on all lines of his family, Lon B. Smith has been pleased with a chance to present his record in Clermont county to his sons, Byron and Lowell, who will thus be taught a fine pride in their honorable ancestry.





## ANDREW McGREW.

A name that was to be familiar in northern Clermont and about Cincinnati was brought from the city of Baltimore in September, 1806, to the vicinity of Milford by Andrew McGrew. He had served in the Revolution according to one account, he had married Hannah Rust, and they had a family of seven sons and two daughters. He also had some means for that time, for he bought a large tract of land, stretching toward Newberry, from the house by Matson's Hill, looking upon what is East Milford, but then was McCormick's, the birthplace of Methodistic faith north of the Ohio. He had means to keep one of the early stores. The name soon appeared in the early records. On May 14, 1807, Philip Gatch, M. G., meaning minister of the gospel, married Jonathan McGrew to Ruth Crawford. At the term of the common pleas court, beginning February 21, 1809, the first held in the new stone court house in Williamsburg, Andrew McGrew appeared as one of the grand jurors. Other members of that grand jury were, Capt. Daniel Feagans, the pioneer of the vicinity now called Georgetown; Lieut. Cornelius McCollum, from the John Collins "Jersey Settlement" by the mouth of Clover; Jasper Shotwell, promoted to be an ensign when his captain, Jacob Boerstler, was killed at the battle of Brownstown, in the War of 1812; Henry Zumatt, soon to be a colonel in the War of 1812; Houton Clarke, the tavern keeper from Bethel, and the father of Congressman R. W. Clarke; Jacob Ulrey, the mighty hunter from Ulrey's Run; Isaac Higbee, who came with Rev. John Collins, when he preached the first Methodist sermon in Cincinnati; and Capt. Andrew Harry, from Maryland, who was making hats in Williamsburg. Several wolf scalps were presented at that term for the bounty money paid. Authority to solemnize marriage was conferred for the first time on the wonderfully eloquent Rev. George C. Light, for whom his nephew, Judge George L. Swing, was named. As a thousand times longer has been required to find than to read the items, we hope that some will appreciate the associations of the pioneer McGrew, who was also a Methodist, and no doubt rode to court over the Round Bottom and Deerfield road with his neighbors and brothers in the church, Judge Philip Gatch and Judge Ambrose Ransom, who sat on the judicial bench at that court. Two years later, Andrew "Megruer," who had made a good impression,



was certified for a commission as a justice of the peace for old Clermont from Miami township, which, though on the side of the big county, was getting her share. At the June term of the court in 1812, Andrew "Megrue" made application to alter the road from Milford passing through Ransom's, and the road leading from Harner's Run to Stonelick, near Captain Slone's. He was perparing the ways and straightening the paths through the large tract that was to be partitioned among his children. The children had most of their schooling in Maryland, but a school house on Harner's Run is mentioned in a road description in 1809, on the same line that "Megrue" wanted to change in 1812. The spelling of the name also changed then, and some have never got right since. Yet, the name does not easily take a French style, and no art can change the fine Scotch-Irish cast of the people who should be proud to keep the Gaelic form.

Jonathan, married in 1807, was one of Andrew's seven sons, but William, the eldest, waited longer and then married Rachel, a daughter of Ebenezer Newton, who had come from Cape May to Milford about the same time. Newton had taught along the Ohio river and then in the South, where he gained strong views of slavery. He was the author of a work on simplified spelling, that met the usual fate of such effort.

The third brother among the six sons and one daughter of William and Rachel McGrew, was born on a farm near Mt. Repose, March 3, 1817, and named Andrew after his pioneer grandfather. Soon after, his father kept a store at Newberry, but later moved to Mill creek valley and farmed on what is now a part of Spring Grove cemetery. He learned his trade as an apprentice with Cassett, the edge tool maker on Main street. With fine intelligence and characteristic determination he mastered the machinery and learned the engineering of the establishment. At one time and another he installed machinery on Sugar plantations, and was an engineer on the river. In this way he had a large chance to ponder the force of a never forgotten remark heard in boyhood and made to his father, William, by his grandfather, teacher Ebenezer Newton: "Slavery is a National evil and will bring a National curse. It may not come in my day or your day, but I should not be surprised if these children lived to see it." Andrew McGrew lived to see it, and was only surprised that it did not come sooner—so heinous was slavery in his sight.

He left the river to take the management of John Kugler's





extensive enterprise at "Tippecanoe," which was the facetious name given during and after the "Log Cabin and Hard Cider Campaign" for General Harrison in 1840. The name was suggested by the local preponderance of such sentiment. Before experiment had proved the stability of an earthbed, the Little Miami railway track was a structure of long sleepers and cross ties, and more sills and ties, until a sill held a flat strap of iron that was nailed down, and sometimes curled up at the ends into and through the floor of the cars above with injury to freight and terror to passengers. And, all the while, the wood work below rotted in wet, or caught fire in dry weather. In the lack of better ways, millions of feet of the finest oak were required in the square, which John Kugler contracted largely to furnish. Before the invention of little saw mills that can be taken to the logs, Kugler built a huge steam saw mill, where Glancy's Run is crossed by the Deerfield or Lebanon road, a half-mile north of Williams' Corners. Even the ashes are effaced. But among the multitude of choppers, loggers and mill men, with scores of yokes and teams to haul the logs and deliver the timber, when roads had to be made, the young, large, strong, capable and great-hearted Andrew McGrew went as Kugler's factotum of mechanical and executive detail. Kugler was the successor of Samuel Perin as the commercial master, each in his turn, of his region and time. Their endorsement stands as a prime certificate of the ability and worth of their assistants. The business at Tippecanoe developed the quality of leadership that marked Andrew McGrew for attention and respect wherever he mingled.

A youthful mind cannot at once grasp the progress spanned by his activities. While an apprentice he helped to make the iron work that joined the wooden tubes for the early water works of Cincinnati, and the iron mountings for the cannon sent by that city to aid the independence of Texas. But he lived to the end in full sympathy with true improvement. He lived for awhile at Westboro, and at Columbus, always busy, energetic and useful.

In 1869 he returned to Milford, and in 1873 bought the fine residence of the late Gen. Thomas Gatch, that is still the family home. While withdrawn from the excessive activity of youth, he continued a care for the common good. He helped organize the first building association in Milford. He was many terms a member of the council. He was thoroughly interested in education and served twelve years in the board of





education, and generally as the president. In that time he was earnest in starting and promoting the Milford High School. He was a member of the Odd Fellows. He served almost continuously during his last residence as president of the official board of the Milford Methodist church, and shared in all the activities of that, the oldest of all the Methodist churches north and west of the Ohio river. He was twice married. He died January 24, 1899. The children of Andrew and Sarah Bailey McGrew are Clyde Bailey McGrew, living at Milford, and his three sisters, Mary, Anna N. and Lilla, living with their mother in the family home at Milford. The writer of this sketch knowing him well admired the excellence and dignity of his worth and esteemed him one of the truest of friends.

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JUDGE JAMES BLACK SWING  
and  
THE SWING FAMILY.

Unaware of the future interest and earnest in their struggles for a place in the social scheme, the pioneer Swings did not record what would now be highly prized. Hence, a few words about them must suffice. Two brothers, Abraham and Michael Swing, were born in Alsace and when grown went to the south of France. Thence, after some stay, and about the time of our Revolution, they came to America and settled in New Jersey. A son, most probably of the latter, came soon after 1800 to Clermont county and settled in Tate township, on a considerable tract of land west of Bethel. His children, born in New Jersey, were Samuel, Lawrence, Michael, Wesley and Mary. The father and numerous descendants were buried on his land in the Swing cemetery. After Samuel's death, his family went farther west. Wesley married Nancy Crane and left a posterity still represented in the vicinity. Mary married Zachariah Riley, whence another family of wide extent. Lawrence Swing married a daughter of David Light, who was a son of the pioneer Peter Light, of Williamsburg township, mentioned in the general history of this work. The sons of Lawrence Swing were George Light, William L., Johnston and Charles W., father of F. E. Swing, elsewhere sketched. Many descendants of Lawrence live about Bethel.

George Light Swing went to Hanover College for two years,



and then, while studying law, taught school in Williamsburg, where one of his pupils was a relative, David Swing. After teaching, he went to Batavia, and was admitted to the bar in 1846. He was appointed with N. M. Preble, and H. V. Kerr, then teaching in Williamsburg, and afterwards State librarian, on the first board of school examiners, charged with the introduction of the great school reform of 1853. In discharging that duty, he obtained a scholarship for David Swing in the Miami University, which resulted in the young man's elevation to a Greek professorship, whence he went to his greater work at Chicago, and became famous, thus justifying the judgment that gave the opportunity. In 1854 the position of school examiner was resigned to take the bench as probate judge for three years. After that he held no other office. He practiced law for fifty years in an honest, able, efficient manner, that was feared by those who had a truth to conceal, and honored by all who had rights to defend. In full sense, he was a strong lawyer, and a good man. He married Elizabeth Naylor, at Montgomery, Hamilton county, where her Scotch-Irish parents had immigrated many years ago. Judge Swing's daughter, Mrs. Mary J. McDonald, lives in Norwood. His son, Albert, for many years, has been employed in a responsible position in the office of the clerk of the courts in Hamilton county, and has performed the duties of the position with unusual ability and entire fidelity, and he has the respect and esteem of all the members of the legal profession.

James Black Swing, the other son of Judge George L., was born May 15, 1854, in Batavia, whence he passed from the public schools to Hanover College, where he graduated in June, 1876, and where he has received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in Batavia in September, 1877, and in 1881 was elected judge of the probate court of Clermont county, and, in 1884, re-elected for the same duty, which began February 9, 1882, and closed February 9, 1888. He then went to Cincinnati to practice law and, for that purpose, formed a partnership with Judge Howard Ferris, under the name of Ferris & Swing. In 1903 he was elected a judge of the court of common pleas in Hamilton county, and took the office February 9, 1904, for a term of five years. As that term closed, he was re-elected for a term of six years, the term having been lengthened by law. After serving nine of the eleven years for





which he had been elected, he resigned the judgeship, to take effect January 1, 1913, in order to enter a partnership in the practice of law with L. C. Black and his son, Robert L. Black, under the firm name of Black, Swing & Black.

When that intention was made public, the Hamilton county bar with one voice, and the citizens, without party division, protested and petitioned against the resignation. On Saturday, December 7, 1912, the bar association and many leading people gathered in Judge J. B. Swing's court, in a meeting without precedent in the annals of Cincinnati, and presented their petition for his continuance. Judges had resigned before and the occasion had passed as a matter of course. Now the eloquence of political critics combined with the pleas of personal friends for a recall of the resignation. But prudent regard for days to come required that the chance of a life time for fine financial advantages should not be sacrificed for an extension of an already accomplished service of fifteen years on the bench. The Cincinnati papers of that date contain full details of the affair. While averse to the practice of politics, he was a delegate from the Sixth Ohio Congressional District in 1888 to the National convention at Chicago, that nominated President Benjamin Harrison.

After coming to Ohio with his father, Michael was attracted to the Gatch Settlement, where, on December 6, 1806, he married Ruth, the youngest daughter of the Apostolic Philip Gatch. One son of Michael and Ruth Swing was George S., who married Clarissa, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Metcalf Glancy, and passed his life on a farm about a mile and a half below Perintown. The other son, Philip Bergen Swing, was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court at Dayton, Ohio. In 1847 he is credited with one year's service as prosecuting attorney, with a residence at Batavia, where he lived to the end. He married Mary Hafer, a daughter of Judge Owen T. and Caroline Huber Fishback, a couple that traces back to Colonial days. Judge Owen T. was the son of Judge John Fishback, who enlisted under Colonel William Washington in General Daniel Morgan's command, fought in the battle of the Cowpens, married Martha Pickett, November 24, 1785, and died in Bracken county, Kentucky, January 22, 1810. Martha Pickett, born in 1760, was the daughter of Capt. William Pickett, who married Elizabeth Metcalf, of Long Branch, Fauquier county, Virginia, served that county as a member of the House of Burgesses, and was under Col. Thomas Mar-



shall in the Revolution. Capt. William Pickett's father was George Pickett, of the same county. Caroline Huber, born July 24, 1800, was a daughter of Jacob and Phoebe Ann Maria Boerstler Huber, who came to Williamsburg in 1806. Jacob Huber, born February 15, 1777, was the son of Col. John Huber, born January 10, 1751, and his wife, Christenia Brinkle, born in 1759. John Huber was captain of a company in the Eighteenth battalion of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, that was ordered under Colonel Grubb to the defense of Philadelphia, June 24, 1776; and he commanded the Ninth battalion of the same county in 1777-78. Phoebe Ann Maria was the daughter of Dr. Christian and Dorothea Miller Boerstler, whose son, Capt. Jacob Boerstler, of the first company from old Clermont in the War of 1812, was killed at the battle of Brownstown. The children of this line in the home of Philip B. and Mary H. Swing were Peter F., Caroline Matson, and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Johnson, living in Cincinnati.

If any reader is weary with waiting for reward, he should remember that Philip B. Swing lived modestly among his neighbors without official prestige for a generation, learning men, forming character, and gaining wisdom, until, when the Nation needed a strong man in a high place, he was supremely ready. In 1871 he was selected by President Grant to be the United States judge for the important district centering at Cincinnati. He had gained the confidence of all before, but as the people at home learned the honor accorded abroad, they came to look upon him as a never failing oracle of benevolent justice.

His daughter, Caroline M., called to rest on June 3, 1911, was for twenty-one years the wife of Judge James B. Swing. Endowed with talent and rarely cultured, her character was noble and full of gentle goodness. They lived in an ideal companionship, that is the choicest memory amid much that is pleasant.

Peter Fletcher Swing, born March 25, 1845, on a farm near Milford, but grown at Batavia, raised a cavalry company in 1863, when eighteen years old, which was a part of the Twelfth Ohio cavalry; but later was transferred to the Ninth Ohio cavalry. He was elected captain of the company, but declined on account of youth, and became first lieutenant. Afterward he was captain and was made an aide on the staff of General Atkins, and served with him until the close of the war. From April, 1865, until August, 1865, he was provost marshal in





South Carolina. He was discharged in August, 1865, and entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he graduated in 1869. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1870. In 1884 Capt. Peter F. Swing was elected judge of the circuit court in the first year it was created. Since then, now twenty-seven years, he has been elected and is still a judge of that court. The circuit is composed of the counties of Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Clinton and Warren. No finer statement of his merit need be made than the simple record of such long service in a high duty with the approval of many State elections.

In 1901 Judge Peter F. Swing's sons, Philip C. and Richard C., both in the practice of law, began to organize the Cincinnati & Columbus Traction Company, which was capitalized in Cincinnati and completed to Hillsboro within three years. Their association with that enterprise was so general that the road is popularly known as the "Swing Line." As the work progressed, Philip C. withdrew; then, after several years, Richard quit his very active share in the management of the road, though still in the board of directors, and both are practicing law in Cincinnati. Through five generations in Clermont from and including Philip Gatch, Peter Light, George Swing, Jacob Huber and other collateral names, this family includes a fine association of energy, enterprise, learning talent, judgement, patriotism and honorable achievement.

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### JOHN G. BECHTOLD.

Mr. John G. Bechtold is one of the leading farmers of Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, and owns and operates a finely improved farm of eighty acres one mile east of Williamsburg. He was born in Covington, Ky., January 10, 1855, a son of George and Rose (Moser) Bechtold, both of whom are deceased.

George Bechtold was born in Germany and came to America when very young, in 1821, and died in 1877. He was in the retail liquor business at Covington, Ky., before and after the Civil war, in which he served as a soldier in Company A, Twenty-third Kentucky Federal army, for a few years and three months. About 1869, he became associated with the Mitchell & Rannelsburg Furniture Company—now the Robert





Mitchell Company—and remained with them until his retirement.

Rose (Moser) Bechtold was born near France in 1826 and died in 1891. Her parents were natives of France, near the German border. To the union of George and Rose (Moser) Bechtold were born five children, and all are living: John G., of this sketch; Lucy (Moore), of Covington, Ky.; Rose (Willerding), of Price Hill, Cincinnati; and Josephine and Carrie, both of Cincinnati.

Mr. Bechtold removed with the family to Cincinnati in 1869, and there remained until 1904, when he purchased his present home farm in Clermont county, Ohio. While he was a resident in Cincinnati, Mr. Bechtold was in the retail liquor business at Fifth and Central avenues, and his later years have been devoted to farming.

The marriage of Mr. Bechtold to Miss Emma Dillman took place in 1893. She was born in Cincinnati in 1866, a daughter of August and Elizabeth (Huhl) Dillman, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtold have reared five children: Lillie and John are attending the Williamsburg High School; Irene and Harry are attending the intermediate school and Jessie is at home.

By his study of the political issues of the day, Mr. Bechtold is led to vote the Independent ticket.

Mr. Bechtold and his family enjoy the high regard and esteem of all with whom they are associated, and are counted among the substantial members of Clermont county society.

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### FRANCIS WASHINGTON WALKER.

Mr. Francis Washington Walker is a representative agriculturist of Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, where for the past twenty-seven years he has owned and operated a farm of one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land. It is a good farm and is improved with substantial buildings that stand in the midst of well cultivated fields. He also raises thoroughbred Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs. Mr. Walker was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, January 19, 1852, and is a son of Michael and Fannie (Bratten) Walker.

Michael S. Walker was born in Brown county, Ohio, March



9, 1813, and lived in that county all of his active life. After his retirement from active labor, he made his home in Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio. He was a practical and successful farmer, and died at the home farm October 22, 1889, at the age of seventy-six years, seven months and thirteen days. He was a devout Christian gentleman, and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was a son of Hillary Walker and a grandson of Adam Snell.

Fannie (Bratten) Walker was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Robinson) Bratten, and a granddaughter of Elisha Bratten, who was born in 1742, and his wife, Isabella, who was born in 1749. The Brattens were among the earliest of Highland county, Ohio, settlers. Mrs. Walker was born April 15, 1816, and passed from this life January 27, 1865. She was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. She became the wife of Mr. Michael S. Walker, on October 12, 1837, and was the mother of eleven children, all of whom grew to maturity and married. Eight are still living:

Leander A., born January 8, 1839, and was a farmer of Brown county until his death, August 21, 1896, at the age of fifty-seven years.

Nancy Melissa, born November 5, 1840, and married Henry Runyan. Her death took place January 12, 1909.

Elizabeth Cornelia, born September 13, 1842, married Mr. John Hill and resides at Westboro, Ohio.

Sarah Jane, born January 27, 1844, is the widow of Mr. James Davis, of Union Plains, Brown county.

Mary E., born June 14, 1845, married first, Enoch Hutchinson and second, O. Dailey, and resides at Williamsburg, Ohio.

Minnie A., born January 8, 1847, and married Joe McMullen, of Lerado, Brown county.

Cyrus Bratten, born May 6, 1848, married first, Ella Bingham, who died, and second, Louella Ferree, their residence being at Wauneta, Neb.

Joshua W., born April 25, 1850, married Lizzie Foster and resides in Brown county, Ohio.

Francis W., the subject of this mention.

William R., born January 22, 1857, married Carrie E. Peterson, and they reside at Peru, Ind.

Joseph B., born December 11, 1858, married Irene Harden. His death took place January 1, 1910, and his widow is a resident of Cincinnati.

Mr. Francis Washington Walker received a good common





school education and began his business life as a clerk in the drug store of his uncle, Capt. H. J. Walker, continuing for four years, thus becoming familiar with all the details of the drug business. In 1877, on the death of his uncle, Mr. Walker became the owner of the store, which he sold later and embarked in the grocery business.

About this time the marriage of Mr. Walker took place, his union being with Annie B. Reed, a teacher in the Williamsburg schools, and the ceremony was solemnized in May, 1878. She was born in Batavia and her parents were Jacob Baker and Francis Ellen (Davis) Reed.

Joshua Davis, grandfather of Mrs. F. W. Walker, was widely known as one of the pioneer stage owners of this section, having run a line from Cincinnati through Clermont county to Georgetown and West Union, with the mails for a period of over thirty-five years. J. B. Reed, father of Mrs. F. W. Walker, was a son of Michael Reed, who was born near Bethel, Ohio, in January, 1806. Michael Reed was a son of Isaac and Margaret (Baker) Reed, the former of whom was a native of Lancaster, Pa., and the latter of whom was the eleventh child of Jacob Baker, who was born in Holland about 1742.

Jacob Baker was one of six brothers and three sisters, who came from Holland to America, and of these brothers, Henry Tillman, William and Jacob were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, Henry having been an officer.

Hannah Sweet Davis, grandmother of Mrs. Walker, was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Sweet, who came from Germany. Michael Reed married Sarah Ann, a daughter of Richard and Jane Trotter Bishop, who were from Bourbon county, Kentucky.

The children of Francis W. and Annie (Reed) Walker are: Edith Mabel, born June 2, 1879, and died July 24, 1879.

Frances Ethel, born December 4, 1880, was a graduate of the Lebanon Normal School and married on the 4th of June, 1903, Mr. Robert Lee Allen, a graduate of the normal school of Lebanon, Ohio, and of Yale College. He is a lawyer of Owensboro, Ky., and they have three daughters—Dorothy Lee, Annabelle, and Mary Charlotte.

Lillian Estelle, born August 4, 1883, and married Frank Nathaniel Dailey, on November 10, 1909, and they have two children—Earla Virginia and Donald Walker. They are residents of Denver.



Ralph Reed, born June 5, 1886, is a graduate of the Ohio State University in the class of 1912. On May 2, 1913, he was united in marriage to Edith Lytle Foster, a graduate of Wooster, and a native of Williamsburg. They reside at Corsicana, Tex., where he is superintendent of F. N. Drane's stock and grain farms.

Hugh Francis, born June 8, 1888, is attending the Ohio State University, class of 1914, and is preparing for a veterinary surgeon.

Helen May, born September 13, 1890, is a graduate of the Williamsburg High School.

Ruth Pauline, born July 26, 1895, is attending the Williamsburg High School.

Mr. Francis Washington Walker was compelled to give up the grocery business on account of his health. He purchased a farm, which he operated for two years, when he returned to town, and bought out the business of Mr. B. N. Stockton. He continued in this line of work for two years and again returned to the farm. He is very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and his methods are practical.

Mrs. F. W. Walker is the eldest of four children, the second, Charles, died in infancy; Albert W. is a harness maker of Williamsburg, Ohio; and May, who is now Mrs. M. B. Griggs, of Williamsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and the family are members of the Presbyterian church, and are active in all affairs of that denomination.

Mr. Walker votes for the men and measures of the Republican party, and is a good citizen in every way, although he does not care for public office.

Socially, Mr. Walker is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Williamsburg, and Mrs. Walker is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Williamsburg.

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### EVELAND FAMILY.

The first of the Evelands to come to America were three brothers, all being single men. It is not now known to a certainty from what country they came, some of the descendants thinking it was Scotland, while others think it was Holland. Be that as it may, it is certain that they came as early





as Colonial times, and for a time were in New Jersey. One of them, whose name is not now known, went to Pittsburgh, and some of his descendants live in Pennsylvania yet. It is also known that during Revolutionary times one held to the cause of England, and moved to Canada. The other one, Frederick Eveland, remained in New Jersey, where he married, and to him were born children, among whom was John Eveland, who was born there on January 3, 1753. One of his sons was Harmon Eveland, who was born in New Jersey, July 29, 1775. He married Esther Van Buskirk, who was born January 28, 1781. They lived at or near Elizabethtown, and there their son, Peter, was born, in 1808. In 1816 the family moved to Ohio, and settled in Clermont county, and it is from him that the Evelands of Clermont have come.

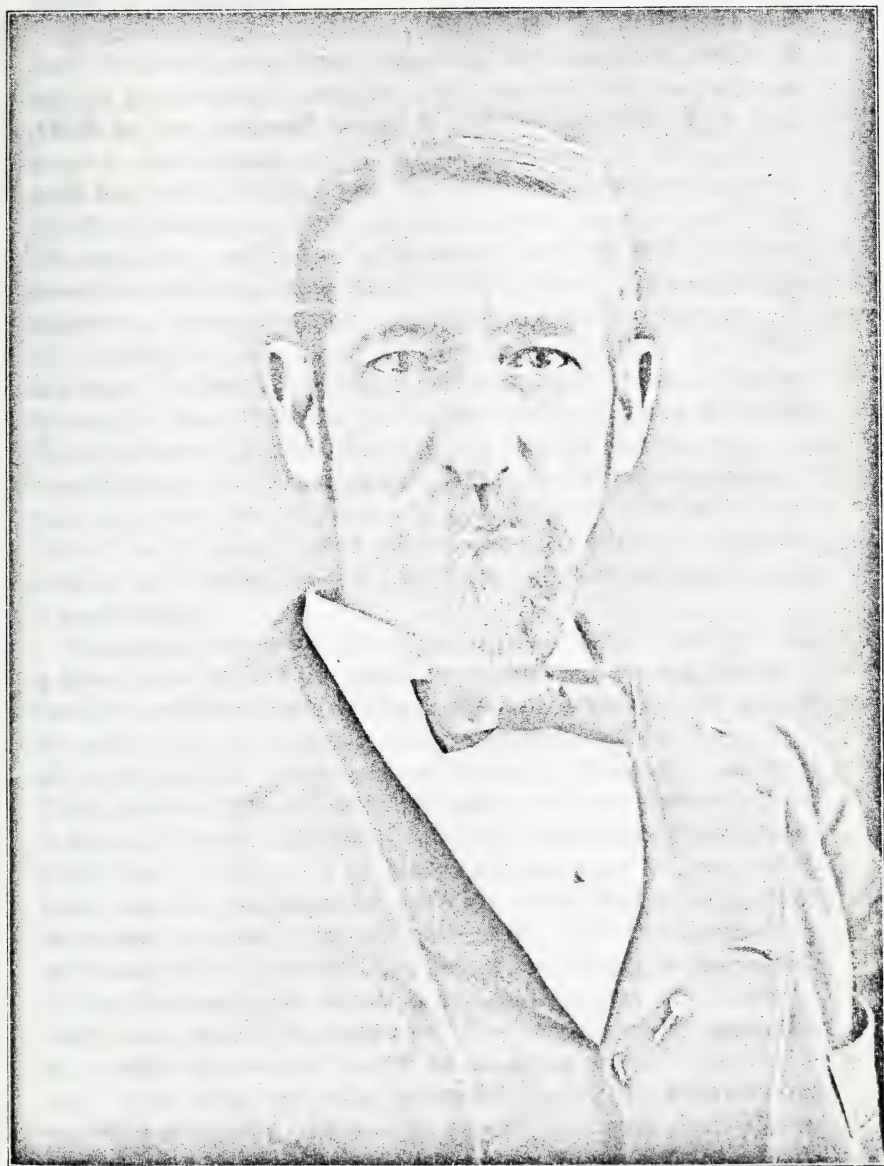
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### JACOB LOWELL ROUDEBUSH.

Jacob Roudebush was a great friend of the common schools. With the help of his near neighbors, the Marshes, Ferrees, Pattersons and Hills, a log school house was built on his farm near the present site of the school house in sub-district No. 1, Stonelick township. This gave Ambrose an opportunity to attend school all of the time it was in session. Later he attended a school at Batavia taught by the late Charles Smith, for whom he had a high regard as an instructor and disciplinarian. He obtained a teacher's certificate at the age of eighteen and taught for eight years in Stonelick, Jackson and Wayne townships, with great success. By nature he had the instructing habit and what nature failed to do his own initiative supplied. During these years he farmed in the summer most of the time, clerked in a store one year, and was deputy sheriff for a few months. His integrity was manifest in all that he did. Common honesty and intelligence are a strong combination and are always in demand. On the 28th day of February, 1851, he was united in marriage with Sarah Ellen Patchell, daughter of Edward Patchell and Sarah J. (Brown) Patchell. In this union four children were born: Jacob Lowell, March 6, 1852; Edward M., who died in infancy; Clara Belle, Jan. 24, 1855 (she married S. A. Patterson and died Jan. 21, 1887, leaving one child, a daughter, Minnie, who married Albert Cook, and lives near Goshen, Ohio; and Ambrose Patchell, June 6, 1866,







*Lowell Roubekush.*



who was married to Lute S., youngest daughter of Isaac and Deborah (Lukemyers) Stark, February 23, 1887. He has two sons, John Lowell and Marshall. The former is married and resides in Cincinnati.

On the marriage of Ambrose Roudebush he purchased that part of the homestead now owned by John Barnacle, and took up the profession of farming. In 1867 he sold the farm on which he was born and moved to the one now owned by Ambrose P. Roudebush, which he had purchased in 1866, where, until his death, February 11, 1875, he lived the happy and simple life of a farmer, honored by his fellow citizens, respected by his neighbors, and loved by his family and relatives. He had ambitions but they were those of helpfulness. Because of his character, because of his superior judgment, because of his intelligence he could be helpful. He had the literary bent of mind. Pure and high ideals were his in all the relations of life. He took up his burdens without a murmur. Though never physically strong, he did the hardest kind of manual labor, did it to set a good example, did it as he thought that his loved ones might not be compelled to labor as he had to do. In the minor public offices which he filled he was painstaking and obeyed the law. He lived and died an honest man, a good citizen.

As already indicated, the subject of this sketch was born on a farm, where he did the many chores all the year and attended the district school until his sixteenth year. For a short period he was a pupil of Professor Stevens of Milford. In May, 1870, he attended the Northwestern Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, which in September of the same year, was changed to the National Normal University. He was a member of the Scientific Class of 1871, but in March of that year he was called home and did not graduate with his class, though his grades up to that time were exceptionally high. For short periods in 1872 and 1873 he attended the university, taking special work. At the University his standing as a debater was very high, as well as his general information. Few men cared to meet him in a public discussion, though he made no pretensions to oratory. From 1873 until 1879 he farmed during the summer and taught during the winter, in Stonelick, Union and Miami townships. From 1870 until the death of his father he took great interest in the geology of Clermont county and the work of the mound builders. Until the burning of his uncle's residence, in which part of his collection was stored, in some respects, his was the finest collection in southwestern Ohio.





After the death of his father he and his mother managed the farms, and out of a natural liking and a great necessity, he took up the study of agricultural chemistry, soils and plants. During this period he wrote quite a number of articles for the county papers on agricultural practices and the early history of the county. In November, 1878, he began work on a history of Clermont county. In January, 1879, he sold his manuscripts to Louis H. Everts & Co., of Philadelphia, getting credit for the chapters and townships, in which he did all the writing, which by no means represented all his contributions. This work speaks for itself. In March, 1880, he went to Colorado and during the next ten years he traveled from Old Mexico to the Arctic regions. He was a miner, prospector, explorer, bank cashier, bookkeeper, contractor, agricultural writer, and school teacher, teaching with marked success in Barry county, Missouri, and Harper county, Kansas. From the latter place he returned to the old homestead rich in experience and observation, poor in dollars and cents, strong in character and determined in will. No bad habits had been formed, hence he was not ruined in body, mind or morals.

He was now thirty-eight years of age and unmarried. He purposed to make agriculture his profession. He again took up the study of agricultural chemistry, soil fertility, and entomology. He did the first spraying of fruit trees in his township. In 1894 he went to live with his uncle, E. C. Patchell, working on the farm in the daytime, studying along the line of his chosen profession at night. In 1895 he was appointed a farmers' institute lecturer, but did no work until February, 1896, since which time he has worked each year, and in all, in ten different states from the Atlantic to the Pacific, including Maine and Washington. In March, 1900, he was asked to assist in the Entomological Department of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster. In May of the same year he was made State Horticultural Inspector. After serving three months he resigned in favor of Prof. F. M. Webster, by whom he was employed for six months.

On the 27th of March, 1901, he was married to Mrs. Mary A. (Corbin) Jackson, widow of Andrew Jackson, who died December 14, 1896. She was the only daughter of N. D. and Elizabeth (Steelman) Corbin, sister of Clayton H. Corbin, and first cousin of the late Lieutenant General Henry C. Corbin. By her first marriage she had one son, Raymond H. Jack-



son, born October 16, 1888, who is unmarried and lives in Cincinnati. To the homestead, which has been named Spring Grove Farm, there has been added an equal number of acres besides houses and lots in the village of Nicholasville. He now owns one of the largest orchards in the county.

Lowell Roudebush, as he now signs his name, lectures not only on farm topics, but on other subjects. His Uncle Sam's Land of the Midnight Sun, is quite popular. He is a Republican in politics since 1896, a Baptist in faith. He is a member of Hamer Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., of Lindale Grange No. 248, Ohio State Academy of Science, State Horticultural Society, and numerous other secret and public organizations. He is a contributor to leading agricultural papers and does more experimental work than any lecturer on agriculture in his State. He has a large library, not only on agricultural subjects, but along general lines. Of him a friend of long acquaintance said: "As a citizen he is fearless, as a public speaker forcible, as a farmer up-to-date—legacies of his father, long since dead, and of his mother, now four-score," whose home is now with her younger son, Ambrose P.

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### JOSIAH C. LITTLE.

Josiah C. Little, formerly superintendent of schools at Loveland, Ohio, now superintendent of schools at Fosters, Warren county, Ohio, resides at his comfortable home in Loveland, his home for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Little was born at Edenton, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1851, his parents being James and Delia (Wainwright) Little, both members of old Clermont families.

James Little was born at Edenton, 1827, and died, 1910, after having spent practically his entire life in this vicinity, where he was occupied as a farmer. He was a son of David Little, who came to Clermont county from Furquier county, Virginia, and located at Edenton. He followed the occupation of farming and reared a large family.

Delia Wainwright was born at Edenton and died in 1866. She was a daughter of Vincent Wainwright, a native of Scotland, and settled in Wayne township early in the history of the county of Clermont. His death occurred in 1844, in his sixty-eighth or sixty-ninth year.





Josiah C. Little is the eldest of nine children. The others are:

Vincent W., a contractor of Greenfield, Ind.

Jehu, a painter and paperhanger of Lapel, Ind.

George M., of Lapel, Ind.

Chester, a farmer, of Knoxville, Ill.

Miss Jennie, of Edenton, Ohio.

Sarah, the wife of Warren W. Whitaker, a farmer of Monroe, Ohio.

Rachel, wife of Emmerson Crossen, an expressman, of Norwood, Ohio.

Florence, wife of D. M. Ferree, superintendent of schools of Waverly, Pike county, Ohio.

Mr. Little enjoyed the educational privileges of the National Normal School, of Lebanon, Ohio, where he acquired an academic, a stenographic and commercial education. He began his career as a teacher at the early age of sixteen years, and has spent over forty years in the profession, teaching at Loveland, Mt. Carmel, Edenton, Woodville, beside the country schools of Clermont county and for six years taught at Mainville, Warren county, Ohio; the past year, he has taught at Fosters, Warren county, because of the convenience of this school to his home at Loveland.

school to his home at Loveland, and is now assistant postmaster at that place.

During his early life, Mr. Little learned photography and still continues to do a great deal of this interesting work. In his vacations and at other periods, Mr. Little has been associated with the Hudson School Furniture Company.

In 1906, Mr. Little was united in marriage to Mrs. E. L. Dillon, nee Emma Williamson, born at Loveland, Ohio, in 1860, a daughter of Monroe and Hester E. (Eveland) Williamson. The following excerpt from the "Daily Sun," of Portland, Ind., at the time of the death of the former, April 26, 1912, is a fitting tribute to the memory of the aged attorney.

"Pushing out upon the sea of existence on May 19, 1832, at Germantown, Ohio, his bark of life rode the waves with viking pride, weathering the storm of adversity through many a fierce and relentless gale, into a calmer sea. The span of boyhood days opened into manhood with the passing events that clustered about the country lads of that period. Inclination led the way to the school room, where pedagogy became the occupation through the long winter months, soon to be abandoned





for the profession of the law. Donning the cap of alma mater in 1859, he at once laid aside the robe of graduation and embarked with confidence upon the practice of his chosen profession.

"As he roamed the vineclad hills of Goshen with youthful heart tintured with the nectar of love, he wooed and won to the bosom of connubial bliss the affections of womanly grace and virtue, linking his life with Hester Eveland. To this union there came, mewling into the nurse's arms, eight children to gladden and brighten the home with childhood's cheer and laughter.

"On April 25, 1884, when silvery threads streaked with whitened strands, the raven locks, his affections were plighted to the companion of his declining years, and Marie L. Fogleman, of Loveland, received from his brow the message of the heart throbs that coursed with animated love, consummating the marriage vow. To this union there came the infant cry and a son and a daughter fruited the vintage of the marriage manor. The son, ere his years had ripened into youthful force, was gathered to the God that gave him; while the daughter, Adah Ione Williamson, survives her aged parent, soothing his declining years with her gentle nature, cheering his faltering footsteps with fidelity, purity and virtuous womanly grace.

"To dwell upon the character of the deceased opens a threshold of splendor and magnificence beyond the pale of human delineation. His thirst for knowledge lured him into the fields of research and countless volumes of lore, ancient, mediaeval and current were mastered and treasured until his mind became an immeasurable magazine of historical, canonical and biographical wealth. One could scarcely suggest the event of interest, the name of some long forgotten sage or prophet, ere there gushed forth from his lips, description and detail, at which his auditors marveled in wonderment.

"In the realms of religion, he entered the mystic labyrinths of doubt and prophecy, carrying with him his pugnacious inclination, but in spite of dogma and doctrine he saw through the mists of hope an undiscovered religion, where he might enter into a land not circumscribed by fear and ignorance, where he might dwell in peaceful harmony with an intellectual presence endowed with a broader than human understanding."

Mrs. Little has three brothers and two sisters living:

Albert, a commission merchant of Denver, Colo., was for years proprietor of the old Planters' Hotel, at Denver, and on the present site of the Union depot.



George, an engineer on the Colorado Southern Railway.

Harvey E., proprietor of a hotel at Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Florence, wife of A. C. Chamberlain, an electrician of Denver, Colo.

Minnie C., wife of Charles Blackman, a furniture dealer of Denver.

Mrs. Little was married first in 1881, at Loveland, to I. E. Dillon, a Quaker, and a native of Belmont county, Ohio. Mr. Dillon spent four years and nine months in service during the Civil war, participating in many hard battles and skirmishes. He was railway postal clerk for thirty years, and his death occurred in 1899, at the age of fifty-five years. To this union were born four children, all of whom are deceased.

By a former marriage with Ida B. Marsh, of Edenton, Ohio, Mr. Little has two children:

Vincent Edward, in the traffic department of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Company, and resides in Norwood, Ohio. He is the father of three children.

Mae, the wife of Carl W. Fox, a teacher at Blanchester, Ohio, formerly on the police force of Dayton, Ohio. They have two children.

Mr. Little is a staunch Democrat, and has taken an active interest in politics, having been a member of the campaign committee in 1912, assisting in the election of Hon. E. E. Ertel, Governor Cox and others.

Socially, Mr. Little is a member of the Masonic order, and is past master of the Edenton and Loveland lodges, Free and Accepted Masons. Mrs. Little is a member of the Rathbone Sisters, withdrawn from the lodge at Carthage, Ohio.

Mr. Little has always been loyal in citizenship, co-operating in many measures for the general good, and his aid can always be counted upon where the general welfare is concerned. His life has been active, his actions manly and sincere, and he is justly classed with the honorable and prosperous business men of Loveland.

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### F. E. SWING.

Mr. F. E. Swing, the highly esteemed and popular principal of the Clifton public school, Cincinnati, was born at Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1854, and is a son of Charles W. and Anna Swing.





Charles W. Swing was born on the old Swing homestead, near Bethel, in 1827, and died in 1905. He was a son of Lawrence Swing, and chose for his life occupation that of farming, in which he met with a measure of success. He was ever active in educational matters, ready always to assist any one desiring an education. Mr. Charles Swing was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and filled the various offices.

To the union of Charles W. and Anna Swing were born six sons:

F. E., the subject of this mention.

C. J., a farmer near Bethel, Ohio.

Louis J., of Bethel, Ohio.

William J., a farmer near Bethel, Ohio.

Albert F., also farming near Bethel, Ohio.

Dr. Frank U., an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Cincinnati, whose offices are in the Livingston Building, at the corner of Seventh and Race streets.

The farms of the four brothers all join and are located in the old Swing neighborhood.

F. E. Swing was a student of the schools of Bethel, Ohio, and later attended Hanover College. He further pursued his education at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Swing taught several terms of school. He spent two years in the schools of Bethel, Ohio, as superintendent, three years as superintendent of schools at Mt. Washington, three years at Mt. Auburn, as first assistant, and is now in his sixteenth year as principal of the Clifton schools, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Swing was married in Indiana to a daughter of the Rev. G. P. Riley, a former Clermont county teacher, and later a minister of the Methodist church. Rev. Riley served in the Civil war, first as chaplain and later entered the ranks as captain, and came out a colonel. He is now living at Marion, Ind., at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Swing has been blessed with three children:

Mrs. Raymond Tasker, of Tusculum, Cincinnati.

George B. is at home.

Mary, is also at home.

Socially, Mr. Swing has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Swing are active members of the Methodist church.



## SAMUEL R. S. WEST.

For over a third of a century no citizen of Clermont county, Ohio, was more widely and favorably known than Major Samuel Robert Strong West, whose life exemplified true manhood, kindness of heart and Christian sympathy. He was the only son of Rev. Samuel and Rebecca (Strong) West, and was born January 9, 1820, in Chillicothe, Ohio, where his father was presiding elder of the Scioto district of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Maj. Samuel R. S. West acquired a finished education, receiving instruction under the celebrated Prof. Joseph Ray, of Cincinnati, with whom he was a great favorite and subsequently became a student of Meadville (Pennsylvania) University, where he completed his academic studies. He was a student of Latin and Greek from his eleventh to his fourteenth year, and in these ancient language he became very proficient.

On December 12, 1838, occurred the marriage of Mr. S. R. S. West to Miss Harriet Newell Huber, daughter of the noted Jacob Huber, of Williamsburg, Ohio, who was one of the early settlers of that town and one of the most famous abolitionists of Ohio. To this happy union were born the following named children:

Thomas Owens Edwards, who died October 23, 1841, at the age of one year, eleven months and nineteen days.

Matilda Hasselman, passed from this life in the fourth year of her age.

Samuel Adams, whose record appears on another page of these volumes.

Rebecca Strong, who became the wife of Dr. R. C. Belt, of Milford, Ohio.

Anna Maria, who married Thomas A. Lloyd, of Milford, Ohio.

John Kugler, who for many years operated the homestead.

Harriet C., who married Joseph A. Sanders and resides at Milford.

A few years after his marriage, Maj. Samuel R. S. West removed to a fine farm near Olive Branch, which was his home until his death. He took great interest in the agricultural, horticultural and mechanical development of Clermont county; and was instrumental in the removal of the Clermont County Agricultural Society's fair to Olive Branch, on his





grounds, where the exhibitions were held from 1857 to 1864, he being the president of the society, also later being marshal.

In 1847, he raised a detachment of troops for the Third Ohio regiment, for the Mexican war, and was elected first lieutenant; but in the consolidation of the Brown and Clermont county companies he was left out in order to secure the quota of the former, this being done against his bitter protest. He was subsequently a captain in the militia and commanded and drilled the crack company of the county. When the dark cloud of the late Rebellion overcast our National horizon, he left his comfortable home and his loving family and marched to the music of the fife and drum to the deadly conflict. He helped to organize the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry (first zouave regiment), recruited a company and went to the front as its captain, and for meritorious services was promoted to the rank of major. This regiment was camped on his farm while its ranks were being filled at Camp Piatt. He bravely stood the hardships of the doubtful army tent for many years in the society of soldiers who loved him for his friendship and respected him for his courage, and no Union soldier served his country more gallantly and faithfully. In the battle of Winchester, Va., July 20, 1864, he commanded the "Old Thirty-fourth Ohio," and while the Union forces, overpowered in numbers, suffered a defeat, he valiantly commanded the rear guard in the retreat. On his death, at a large reunion of his old regiment, resolutions of respect were adopted, showing no soldier in that gallant organization was held in higher regard for his bravery and endearing qualities than Major West.

For many years Major West held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a charter member of Batavia Lodge, No. 136, instituted October 10, 1849, and was its first noble grand. He received degrees in the Milton lodge, No. 99, at Amelia, and was a representative to the grand lodge of Ohio. He was also prominent in the Oleander Encampment, No. 44, of Batavia, Ohio. Post No. 544, Grand Army of the Republic, at Milford, was named in his honor.

Major West was an old-line Whig until the dissolution of that party and naturally went with the Republican party upon its organization, and was a consistent and active worker for this party until the time of his decease. He was never an aspirant for office, but worked for the party's good, being one of its most trusted and ablest counselors.





A firm believer in the truths of the Christian religion, Major West would never rent any of his property, either in Cincinnati or Clermont county for places of selling intoxicating liquors, neither would he sell any of his grain or farm products to a distillery.

Maj. Samuel R. S. West was possessed of acute intellect and sound judgment, added to which were the qualities of truth, and kindly sympathy for the sufferings and distress of others. He was a man of fine physique, being six feet and two inches in height, a pleasant and clear conversationalist, and his life left a deep impress on the community.

John K. West, son of Maj. S. R. S. West and Harriet N. West, and grandson of the Rev. Samuel West, was born and lived all his life in the old West home. He was prominent in the county for many years, being the leader of his party in his township. Few men enjoyed in a higher degree the loving regard of their fellow men. A cheerful companion, a firm friend, and a manly man. The chief elements of his character were generosity, that exceeded the limits of prudence; a loyalty to friends and party that was true as steel—questioned not, doubted not, failed not; a charity broad, a disposition forgiving; he treasured no animosities, sought no reprisals, indulged in no revenges; gentle in manners, quiet in tastes and habits, affectionate and tender, he went quietly on his way, with a smile for those who laughed, a tear for those who mourned, a word of cheer and comfort for the weary and faint-hearted. He was a good man. He loved his neighbor as himself; what was his was his neighbor's.

His death occurred March 21, 1878, at the homestead and he was buried in the Cumminsville cemetery, at Cincinnati, by the side of his sainted mother; and there, too, has since been laid to rest, his beloved father, who passed away at the age of over five score years.

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### CHRISTIAN DONALDSON.

The death of Mr. Christian Donaldson, in 1868, removed from Clermont county, Ohio, a citizen whose memory is revered in every walk of life; a man who was recognized throughout this section of Ohio as one of its most prominent and influential men. Mr. Donaldson was of English birth,



which took place in London, his natal day being December 13, 1795, a son of Francis and Anna Margareta (Heinekin) Donaldson.

The members of the Donaldson family are descended paternally from illustrious Scotch ancestry, and maternally are of German extraction. The great-grandfather of Mr. Donaldson of this review, was Robert Donaldson, of Fife, Scotland, whose son, William, married Mary Bradley, born in 1725, and passed from this life at Camberwell, in London, England, October 27, 1792. This worthy couple lived temporarily in America previous to the War of the Revolution, and their son, Francis, who afterward became the father of Christian Donaldson, was born September 23, 1752, at New Brunswick, N. J., and passed away January 5, 1824.

Francis Donaldson was educated at St. Andrew's, Scotland, and at Cambridge University, England, after which he became a barrister of London. His marriage to Miss Anna Margareta Heinekin took place on the 14th of January, 1794, she being a daughter of Christian and Ann (Dix) Heinekin. Francis Donaldson practiced his profession in London for some years and attained prominence in this line, but his ideas and convictions of equality, justice and freedom for all, conflicted with the restraints and oppressive inequalities imposed by the aristocracy and monarchical rule of the kingdom, and as his principles were not to be sacrificed to wordly position or advancement, he decided to make a change in his business, and chose farming. He had been brought up without any knowledge of this calling, but he at once entered upon the study and for a period of four years, gave the subject faithful study. He removed with his family to the county of Durham, which originated and raised the Durham cattle of world-wide fame. Mr. Donaldson and his sons attended exhibitions and sales of some of the finest blooded Durham cattle that have ever been produced.

Mr. Donaldson removed to a larger farm in Wales, where he and his family lived for eleven years. But even here the restraints of life in England were felt and led Mr. Donaldson toward the freedom and progress of America, where his sons and daughters might be able to enjoy greater liberties in thought and action.

In 1816, the two oldest sons of Francis and Anna Margareta (Heinekin) Donaldson, Francis and Christian, came to America, they having been educated in London, classmates of the





Baring brothers, who afterward became bankers of great renown. Having been associated with their father in the various branches of farming, they concluded to establish a home for themselves and the family. They located in Clermont county, just below New Richmond, in Ohio township, on the Dandridge survey, being the well known "Haynes Grant" of especial prominence at an early day.

In 1821, the remainder of the family arrived at the new home, erected a homestead, and named the place "Frandon," by which name the old Donaldson farm is still known. The children of Francis and Anna Margaretta (Heinekin) Donaldson were as follows: Francis, born October 10, 1794; Christian, the subject of this sketch; Anna, born June 8, 1797, who died in childhood; William, born September, 1799; Mary, born May 3, 1801, who never married, and died while crossing the ocean to England for her health; Jessie, born November 27, 1802, who died in early childhood; Thomas, born November 27, 1805; and Jane, born February 15, 1808, who married Cyrus McNeely, of Ohio.

Anna Margaretta (Heinekin) Donaldson was a lady of great intellectuality, of singularly gentle disposition, but of strong convictions, which never yielded where principles of right were involved. She possessed grace and dignity in manner and bearing, combined with marked personal beauty. She was a daughter of Christian and Ann (Dix) Heinekin, and was born September 12, 1767. She was christened in the parish of St. John, Hackney, London, and acquired her education in the best English schools of her day, with young ladies of rank, and she became a prominent personage in the society of the great English metropolis. Her marriage to Francis Donaldson, on January 14, 1794, was a great event. With her husband and seven children she left the luxuries of her home in Wales to help establish a new home in America. She took an active part in the anti-slavery agitation and by her means and great social influence contributed to the opposition to negro slavery in America. The Donaldsons—her sons and their families—were among the leaders of the abolition movement in Cincinnati.

The action of Mrs. Donaldson at the time the mob destroyed "The Philanthropist," published by James G. Birney, on July 30, 1836, is worthy of recognition in Ohio's annals. Mr. Birney could not even attempt his paper in Kentucky, his native State, as he had wished, but was promised support and protection by



the Donaldsons if he came to New Richmond, which he did. The paper was later removed to Cincinnati, where it had a wider field for circulation, and was there published for three months, when, July 14th, the press room was broken open and the press and materials destroyed. On July 23d, a meeting of citizens was convened at the lower market house to decide whether they would permit the publication and circulation of abolition papers in the city. At this meeting a committee was appointed, that opened a correspondence with the conductors of "The Philanthropist," the executive committee of the Ohio Anti-Slavery Society, of which William Donaldson was a member, requesting them to discontinue its publication. This effort being unsuccessful, the committee of citizens published the correspondence, to which they appended resolutions, stating that they had used all means for persuasion and conciliation in their power, and deprecated violence, although their tone indicated that it ought to follow and crush out that sheet. On July 30th, a concourse of citizens entered the printing office of the paper and tore down the press, scattered the type in the streets and completely dismantled the office. All residences of abolitionists were visited and these pioneer leaders of freedom and their families were hooted at and threatened. At the Donaldson home the mob made an effort to gain admission, but they were met at the door by Mrs. Donaldson and her daughters, and were assured that the gentlemen were not at home. The firm, truthful manner and quiet dignity displayed, rebuked their rudeness and they left the house unmolested.

Mrs. Donaldson was a Unitarian in her religious belief, she and her family being instrumental in the organizing of the first congregation of that faith in Cincinnati. She was a great reader of the divine word and was well informed as well in current events of her time. She possessed a clear, vigorous mind and was an intelligent and interested observer of the political events of Great Britain and the United States. She passed from this life at her home on the Avondale road, near Cincinnati, April 30, 1844.

Christian Donaldson, the immediate subject of this sketch, was for many years a member of the Donaldson Hardware Company, of Cincinnati, and for quite a time his home was at the corner of Sixth and Vine streets, now the site of the Palace Hotel. He was interested in many prominent business enterprises of Cincinnati, among which was the organization of





the first bank of Cincinnati, known as the Franklin Bank, and later as the Franklin-Lafayette Bank, being a director of that institution. Mr. Donaldson also had a home at Mt. Ephriam—now Mt. Auburn—for some years.

After his retirement from business life, Mr. Donaldson removed to Clermont county, where, in 1840, he purchased a farm one mile below New Richmond, known as "Frandon." He was a man of dignified bearing, a typical, sturdy Englishman. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson were the parents of five children, three of whom died in early life.

William, born at Sixth and Vine streets, Cincinnati, in 1831, and died at Bethel, Ohio, in 1909. He was a student of Woodward High School, a school mate of Thomas Emery and others, and remained at the parental home until he reached the age of eighteen years. At this age, upon the advice of physicians, his father took him to England, where for three years he spent most of his time at a watering place in Wales, which was celebrated for the cure of tubercular trouble. Early in the 1850's he returned to America, and was sent to the home of an uncle, Thomas Donaldson, who instructed him along the lines of agriculture at the latter's home farm, "Penmaen," just above New Richmond, Ohio.

In March, 1857, William Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Arabella C. Reakirt, and they located on the old Donaldson farm, "Frandon," which was their home for many years. He finally sold the farm shortly after the close of the Civil war, and removed to New Richmond, where he was active in public life, serving as councilman and in other local offices. About 1869, he purchased a farm in Ohio township, on Twelve Mile creek, naming it "Wildon," and remained there for twelve years. He then removed to another farm in the vicinity of his uncle's home and while residing there took an active part in the township affairs in the capacity of township trustee and other local offices. He again returned to New Richmond and purchased a home in Clifton addition and there made his home for a number of years. Three years before his death, he removed to Bethel, Ohio. His widow resides at Orillia, a suburb of Seattle, Wash. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson were born the following named children: Florence N., who is the wife of Mr. A. L. Carnes, of New Richmond, Ohio; Miss Mary, of Orillia, Wash.; Miss Anna R., who died at New Richmond, Ohio, in 1902; and Jessie Paul, wife of Mr. George M. Clarke, of Orillia, Wash., where he is





engaged in the profession of teaching and in the practice of law.

• Frank Donaldson, oldest son of Christian Donaldson, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, and died in Hopedale, Harrison county, Ohio, about 1875. He was an agriculturist and left a widow, who recently died in California.

Mr. Christian Donaldson was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church, as have been all of the family. He was a man of high personal worth and purity of character, and enjoyed the esteem of his fellow citizens.

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### WILLIAM B. EVELAND.

Mr. William B. Eveland, who is the senior member of the firm of Eveland & Harber, of Maimiville, Ohio, was born near Miami-ville, Clermont county, February 7, 1854, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Ward) Eveland, the latter of whom was a native of Hamilton county, Ohio; and was born near Miami-ville, in 1814, and died in 1897, in the eighty-second year of her age. She was a daughter of George Ward and wife, who were residents of Clermont county, Ohio, for a time, but who later settled in Hamilton county. George Ward was of English descent, and was engaged in the paper mill business.

Peter Eveland was born at Elizabethtown, N. J., in 1808, and came to Clermont county in 1816, with his parents, Harmon and Esther Van Buskirk Eveland. They purchased a farm in Miami township, which he operated in connection with the carpentering business. His death occurred in 1830, caused by a fall from a mill which he was building. In his early life he also followed the business of mill wright. Peter Eveland was one of several children, one of whom is Mrs. Hannah Paxton, who resides at Loveland, Ohio. He was a carpenter and later purchased a farm, which occupation he pursued until his death, in 1893.

William B. Eveland received his education in the schools of Clermont county, assisting his father on the farm at the same time. For eleven years he followed the occupation of fruit raising in Georgia, where he still has large interests. The chief product was peaches, which grow very plentifully in that State.

Mr. Eveland was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Kel-



ler, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and is a daughter of William T. and a granddaughter of Dr. Keller, who practiced at Milford, Ohio. To this union was born one son: Robert Edwin, married Miss Mabel McCammon, and they have one son, William B., Jr., who was born July 9, 1912. They are residents of Miami, he being a carpenter by business.

Politically, Mr. Eveland is a Republican, and was commissioned postmaster, June 16, 1897, continuing in that office until the present time. He has also served his party as assessor, and is the present treasurer of Miami township.

Mr. W. B. Eveland has been in the mercantile business at the present location for the past sixteen years, and because of his strict attention to his work, backed by unusual capacity and fidelity, he has been successful in establishing a fine and prosperous business. He has the respect and high esteem of all in the community.

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### ELISHA HAWKINS.

Elisha Hawkins, a retired steamboat man and veteran of the Civil war, residing at New Richmond, Ohio, was born in Anderson township, Hamilton county, Ohio, at the headwaters of Clough creek, February 11, 1837. He is a son of William and Mary Ann (Lindsey) Hawkins, who were residents of Clermont county from 1846 until their demise.

The great-grandparents of Elisha Hawkins were Richard Hawkins and wife, who were natives of Scotland, coming to America early in the Eighteenth century. They settled in Maryland. They were descendants of the Highland chiefs of Scotland. Later, they came west to Ohio, locating in the vicinity of Linwood, Hamilton county, Ohio, where both are buried. Of their family, three sons left Maryland, Rezin, a bachelor, settling at Bedford, Pa., and remaining there until his decease. William married and located on Four Mile creek in Kentucky and his descendants are scattered over Kentucky, Tennessee and elsewhere. Richard, who was the grandfather of Elisha, was very successful in flat boating, building and owning many flat boats. Three times yearly, he made the trip to New Orleans with these boats and walked the distance back to the mouth of the Little Miami river from which point he loaded. With the proceeds of this business, Richard pur-







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chased large tracts of land, owning some nine hundred acres in Hamilton county, nineteen hundred acres in Brown county, and twenty-two hundred acres of good land near Rockport, Ind., which he later divided among his children. Richard was born June 5, 1779, and died November 24, 1859. His wife, Sarah (Kelly) Hawkins, was born April 13, 1788, and died January 30, 1863. They are buried at Five Mile Methodist Churchyard, near Cherry Grove, Ohio. To the union of Richard and Sarah (Kelly) Hawkins were born the following children:

Elisha, married Leann Bennett and resided at Mt. Washington, Ohio.

William, the father of this biographical mention.

David, was a farmer on Five Mile creek in Hamilton county. He married Ann Bennett, and both are buried there.

Nancy, married Samuel Bennett, and died in Hamilton county.

Rehama, married William Bennett, of Hamilton county.

Mary, married Rev. David Lindsey, and resided at Mt. Pisgah, in Clermont county, for many years, but both died in Hamilton county and are buried at Five Mile churchyard cemetery.

Cassie, married Martin Wheatly, and lived in Hamilton county.

Richard, married Mary Swim and removed to Macoupin county, Illinois, where he was a wealthy farmer and stockman.

Martha, married William Mattox, of Hamilton county, where they resided.

Thomas, married Hester Birdsall, and lived at Forestville, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Rezien, married, and was killed by lightning at the north, or Cincinnati, end of the Union bridge, while going to market in Cincinnati. His widow resides near Amelia, Clermont county.

Sarah M., married Joseph Silver, and moved to Kansas, where they died.

William Hawkins, the father of our subject, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 26, 1810, and died December 31, 1893, in Ohio township, Clermont county. He was a successful farmer and raiser of fine stock and in response to his country's call for volunteers, enlisted in the Federal army at the outbreak of the Civil war, but did not serve, as his son,



Elisha, took his place. His wife, Mary Ann (Lindsey) Hawkins, was born January 19, 1814, and died July 13, 1889, she being a daughter of Edmond and Barbara (Fisher) Lindsey, the former of whom was of Scotch-Irish descent and was born December 17, 1773, and died April 15, 1855. The latter was of Holland parentage and was born December 17, 1788, and died March 23, 1875.

Elisha Hawkins was reared and educated in the common schools and later attended the Farmer's College of Cincinnati three years. In 1852 he removed to Pike county, Illinois, where he spent two years, after which he returned to Clermont and resumed the business of farming.

On August 25, 1861, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage to Mary Jane Morris, whose demise occurred November, 1892. She left five daughters, whose names follow:

Melvina, died at fifteen years of age.

Mary Ann, became the wife of Harry Townsley, a newspaper man of Washington Court House, Ohio.

Cora B., is Mrs. H. G. Donaldson, of near New Richmond, Ohio. Her first husband was James Cochran, who died leaving one child, Mabel.

Laura, is the wife of John Fowler, a railroad man, living at Newport, Ky.

Bessie, is Mrs. George Shaw, of New Richmond, her husband's occupation being that of insurance.

Mr. Hawkins enlisted October 20, 1861, in Company G, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until November 1, 1864, being mustered out a lieutenant. He was engaged in twenty-one of the hardest battles in the Southwest, including Missionary Ridge. He was in the noted "Army of the Cumberland," and was four times wounded, but never lost a day's duty.

Returning from the war, Mr. Hawkins resumed farming, continuing in this occupation for five years. Following this period, he took up the business of steam boating and for thirty years operated on the Ohio, Mississippi, Arkansas and White rivers, retiring from the river in 1905. He again carried on farming for a time, retiring from active business in 1909.

Mr. Hawkins voted the Democratic ticket until the time of the Civil war, after which he voted the Republican ticket until the election of Benjamin Harrison and has since been a strong Democrat. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, George H. Thomas Post, of Cincinnati. For twenty-





six years he held membership in the fraternity of Odd Fellows. Mr. Hawkins evidences his religious faith by his membership in the Baptist church, in which he has been active for years. He belongs to that class of men who have accomplished many commendable things in life, being ever ready to defend his country and home, at all times doing whatever he had to do with all his might.

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### OTIS DUDLEY.

Numbered among the enterprising and energetic men of Clermont county, who are able to spend the sunset of life in the enjoyment of a competency, obtained from years of economy and honest toil is Mr. Otis Dudley. Mr. Dudley has resided on his present farm of seventy-five acres in Williamsburg township, since 1876, having made all of the improvements on the property which was originally timber land. He was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., July 29, 1830, and is a son of Otis and Elizabeth (Richardson) Dudley, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, where they were married.

Otis Dudley, Sr., brought his bride from Massachusetts to Harper's Ferry soon after their marriage, and there engaged in business as a gunsmith. This was their home until 1833, when they came to Cincinnati, where Mr. Dudley became associated with his brother, Elias, in the auction and commission business. In 1836 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Dudley entered the employ of the firm of Ross & Geyer, as manager for the chair stock. His association with this firm continued until the year 1849, when he embarked in the manufacture of chairs for himself, building his own factory buildings. As his two sons, Otis Dudley, Jr., and William A. Dudley, had reached young manhood, the father established the firm of Otis Dudley & Sons, and this association continued until the death of the father, in 1872, he being in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

The brothers discontinued the business after the death of the head of the firm and Otis Dudley, Jr., purchased his brother's interest in the timber land, which had been bought some years previously for the use of the chair manufactory. He cleared the land and has made a very comfortable home.

In the year of 1854, Mr. Otis Dudley, of this review, was



united in marriage to Miss Viola Sinks, who was born at Bethel in 1832, a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Salts) Sinks. Mrs. Dudley passed to her eternal reward in 1903 and was survived by three sons:

William R., who was born July 19, 1855, resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged as a salesman in a wholesale house. He was twice married, and is the father of five children: Dudley Brothers (Chester K. and Edwin S.), of Russellville, Ark., engaged in the canning business, and the manufacture of packing cases for canners; Miss Caroline Dudley, secretary of the Sterling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio; Miss Ruth, attending school at Columbus, Ohio; and Lewis is at home in school.

Charles E., who was born April 2, 1859, married Miss Lizzie E. Moore, and has operated the home farm for a number of years. He has always resided at home with the exception of four years. Mrs. Charles Dudley is a daughter of Lester and Eliza (Rust) Moore. The former was a lieutenant of the Seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer cavalry, during the Civil war. He was wounded in action and was at home while Morgan's raid was in progress. One daughter has been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley—Miss Mabel, at home. Mr. Dudley has been a member of the township school board for the past eight years.

Frank M., who was born June 22, 1867, is vice-president and secretary of the J. H. Day Company, of Cincinnati.

Mr. Otis Dudley has voted the Republican ticket since he reached his majority, casting his first presidential vote in 1852 for Winfield Scott. He has filled many offices of trust for his party, including county treasurer for one term, township trustee, and in the offices of the village of Williamsburg. He was a member of the county infirmary board for nine years, and at all times has given entire satisfaction.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Otis Dudley holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Williamsburg, and has been identified with that organization for over fifty-eight years. He is the only one of the original members of the Williamsburg lodge now living. He is also the only one living of the officials of the building committee of the Williamsburg High School.

Mr. Dudley has long been a liberal supporter of the Methodist church, of which he is an active member, and has lived





closely to its teachings. Being a man of integrity of character and honorable and upright in public and private affairs, he is highly respected by all who know him.

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### HON. E. B. HOLMES.

One of the best known names of Clermont county and one that stands for the best interests of the community in business, social and political circles is that of the Hon. E. B. Holmes. He has built up one of the best mercantile businesses in Clermont county, and in his forty years of active business life has won the honor and respect of all with whom he has had dealings, as well as the accumulation of much of this world's goods. Mr. Holmes was born in Williamsburg township, January 18, 1843, the son of Elkanah B. and Hannah (Stevens) Holmes, the father born in 1799, came to Clermont county with relatives when a child, when the country was rough and wild and still infested with wild animals, in fact he helped to kill the last bear that was found in this county. He spent his boyhood here and later engaged in the occupation of farming and lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years, his death occurring in 1882. His father was a Dr. Holmes, who practiced over a large area of country in this section, coming from Pennsylvania. E. B. Holmes, Sr., married Hannah Stevens, a native of Clermont county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stevens, who were natives of North Carolina, moving to Kentucky and then to Ohio in an early day. Mr. Stevens was a shoe maker in this community and died in 1850. Hannah Stevens Holmes died at the age of fifty years, in 1855, and to her union with E. B. Holmes, Sr., were born four sons and two daughters: Lycurgus, deceased; Allen, deceased; Cornelius E., retired carpenter and builder, resides in Williamsburg; Sarah, widow of John Harris, resides at Ansley, Neb.; Nancy, widow of William Taylor, resides at Williamsburg, and E. B., Jr., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Holmes received his earliest education in the country schools of the county, and later at Todd's Run College at Williamsburg. Mr. Holmes was not yet twenty years of age when our country was called upon to give of both her young and old to preserve the Union, and on August 15, 1862, he responded to the urgent appeal by enlisting in Company D, Seventh Ohio volunteer cavalry, lacking only one month of serving three years.



For a time after returning from the army Mr. Holmes went into the sewing machine business, with the Wheeler & Wilson Company, but soon decided to go into the general mercantile business in Williamsburg, first forming a partnership with D. W. Atchley as Atchley & Holmes, but for the past fourteen years has been associated with T. G. Foster.

Mr. Holmes was first united in marriage to Miss Catherine Burke, born near Bethel, daughter of D. D. Burke, a farmer and native of Clermont county. Mrs. Holmes passed away October 22, 1880, leaving besides her husband two children to mourn her loss:

Addie, married C. A. Frazier, of Williamsburg, proprietor of the Ohio Chair Company, to which union four children have been born: Lucile, Stanley, Bertha and Harry.

Bertha, married E. S. Rush, editor of the "Clermont Courier," at Batavia, and has one daughter, Helen Holmes Rush.

Mr. Holmes was married a second time, his bride being Miss Olivia E. Martin, of Covington, Ky., daughter of C. T. Martin, now deceased. Mr. Martin was an unusually active business man and for many years was stockholder and secretary of a successful gas company. His second wife, step-mother of Mrs. Holmes, was a daughter of Israel Foster and sister of Bishop Foster, of the Methodist Episcopal church, the father was a jailor of his community and the son, Bishop Foster, was born in the jail. The mother was a Miss Ball, of Virginia.

Although Mr. Holmes has lived an exceedingly busy and active life, and been devoted a great deal of his time to his business, he has nevertheless found time to devote to religious, social and political matters, that were essential to the welfare of his fellowmen.

His standing has always been of such a high character among the residents of Williamsburg that they are always ready and willing to elect him to positions of honor, knowing that what he would set his hand to do, he would do well, and for the best interests of those who honored him with their votes. He has filled many town offices, has been a member of the school board and for twenty years was township treasurer. In 1887 he was sent by the Republican party to the State legislature, serving in 1888 and 1889 and being the first Republican elected in Clermont county on the straight Republican ticket. Mr. Holmes has always been a staunch and active member of the Methodist church, and has taken a great interest in work of the Sabbath school. He has served as





president of the Clermont county Sabbath School Union, and also as president of the Methodist Sunday School Union.

He takes great pride in his membership of the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, in which organization he has filled all the chairs. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the encampment at Williamsburg, and both he and his wife take interest in the Rebekah lodge, of that place, to which they both belong.

Through efficient and energetic work success has come to Hon. E. B. Holmes, not only in worldly goods, but also in the love, honor and respect that is accorded him by all his friends and acquaintances, and his long record as a faithful public servant is one that any man would be proud to own.

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#### ARTHUR L. CARNES.

The name which forms the title of this article is well worthy of a place on the pages of these volumes as a representative of a family widely known in connection with the agricultural and industrial interests of Clermont county—a family which in its history exemplifies in a most admirable manner the triumph of excellent business capacity, keen discernment and untiring industry.

A. L. Carnes is too well known in this vicinity to need introduction to the readers of this work, having been successfully engaged in the insurance business for many years at New Richmond, Ohio. Mr. Carnes is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Monroe township, October 18, 1856. His parents were Lewis and Elizabeth M. (Barkley) Carnes.

Josiah Carnes, grandfather of Arthur L. Carnes, of this mention, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1762. He was bound out in boyhood, his father being a Revolutionary soldier, but as his master was very hard, he determined to seek fortune for himself "way out west," as this part of the country was then called. Settling in Mason county, Kentucky, the young man met and was united in marriage to Patience Marsh, about the year 1785. In 1809, Josiah Carnes removed with his family to Clermont county, Ohio, where they purchased a farm in Monroe township. They were old-time Methodists, their home being the first Meth-





odist church of this portion of Clermont county, where pioneers from far and wide came to worship. Josiah Carnes passed from this life in 1837, at his home farm in Monroe township, and his wife followed him to her eternal reward several years later. This worthy couple reared a large family, all of whom were representative citizens. Among them was Josiah, who removed to Indiana, where he raised a large family, and passed away at a venerable age; William, after a very active business career of years in New Richmond, removed to Olney, Ill., rearing a large family, one of whom, Jesse, who died at Muncie, Ind., was the father of Prof. W. W. Carnes, an eminent elocutionist now living in Chicago—also of Edward K. Carnes, a well known citizen and hotel proprietor of Kansas City. A sister, Sena, married John Browning, a native of Kentucky, who removed to Monroe township, Clermont county, where he and his wife died, the latter at a very advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Browning were the parents of Hon. Charles N. Browning, a retired newspaper editor and publisher, formerly of the "Courier," of Batavia, Ohio, and latterly of the "Clinton Republican," of Wilmington, Ohio, where he was associated in the publishing business with his brother, Frank Browning, they having been associated for many years and known as the Browning Brothers, publishers, first of the "New Richmond Independence," then of the "Clermont Courier," and the "Clinton Republican." After the death of Frank Browning, Charles N. sold the "Courier," continuing the publication of the "Clinton Republican" until 1910. He still resides at Wilmington, Ohio, past eighty-two years of age. Both Browning brothers were valiant soldiers in the Civil war. Of their three sisters, Minerva died in her young days; Miss Caroline passed away a few years since at Wilmington, Ohio; Derinda is the widow of Dr. Isaac N. Brown, a well known physician and Civil war veteran, who died some years since at Ironton, Ohio, where Mrs. Brown still resides with their only child, John Charles Brown, a well known railroad man.

Lewis Carnes, son of Josiah and Patience (Marsh) Carnes, and father of Mr. Carnes of this sketch, was born at Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, in the year 1799, and after a life of great usefulness and activity passed from this life in Monroe township, Clermont county, 1884. He had followed the occupation of farming mainly, but was engaged to some extent in the handling of horses, having led some fine ones to Baltimore for sale. He also conducted meat markets at New



Richmond, Ohio, and at Alexandria, Ky. Lewis Carnes was twice married, the first union being with Nancy Slater, and to them three children were born, the eldest of whom died in infancy; Patience Ann, became the wife of Isaac D. Williams, residing near Eastern avenue, Cincinnati. Her birth occurred December 24, 1839, died June 30, 1913, and she was the mother of one child, a son, Frank Williams, a wood working mechanic of much ability. He is married and has five children. Elizabeth, who married Leonidas Fisher, died at Knightstown, Ind., leaving one child, Mrs. Nettie Stevens, of Cincinnati.

The marriage of Lewis Carnes to Miss Elizabeth M. Barkley was blessed with four sons and three daughters:

Jesse Luther, died September 1, 1868, at the age of sixteen years.

Charles E., who was born in 1854, died in Monroe township, Clermont county, in 1912. He was twice married, his first wife being Emma Boys, who was the mother of Fred L., a farmer of Champaign county, Illinois, and married Lottie Stout; Grace, who married twice, first to William Wulf, and to their union was born one son, William Wulf, and second to Frank Emmons, by whom she has one daughter, Martha, also Charles Warren and Allen Donald; Abigail married Rezin Hawkins, Jr., and they have three children, Helen, Arthur and Anna. The second wife of Charles E. Carnes was Mrs. Anna (Boys) Gravitt, and to them was born one son, Edwin L., who is attending New Richmond High School.

Arthur L., the subject of this review.

Sena Almira, wife of Nicholas H. Dixon, of Monroe township, is the mother of one child, James Lewis Dixon.

Dora Belle, who became the wife of David Shelton, residing near Delaware, Ohio, is the mother of two sons and four daughters: Guynn died in Oklahoma from an accidental gun shot wound at the age of twenty-one years; Carrie Winona, widow of Ernest Ferrand, who has a daughter, May Ernestine; Haldane, Hazel, Geneva and Mabelle, all at home with their parents.

John Wilson Barkley, a farmer and stockman of Monroe township, is an extensive horseman. For some fifteen years he was a teacher and is now a member of the township board of education, and also president of the farmers' institute of New Richmond, Ohio. His wife was Julia Bettle, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bettle, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes. Of their four children, Nancy, the youngest, died in





infancy; Mary Marguerite, John, Francis Virgil and Mildred Bettie are at home.

Miss Emma M. is a resident of Lawrence, Ind., where she is a teacher in the public schools.

Elizabeth M. (Barkley) Carnes; mother of A. L. Carnes, was born at New Hope, Brown county, Ohio, December 19, 1830, and passed from this life February 1, 1903, at the home in Monroe township. Her parents were Hugh and Elizabeth (Donham) Barkley.

Mr. Arthur L. Carnes spent his boyhood days on the home farm, which was purchased by his grandfather in 1809, and which remained in the family for a period of ninety-three years. His education began in the "Douglas" district school and was pursued further in the noted Parker's Academy, following which his knowledge was broadened by a course at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, from which institution he received a diploma from the normal department. For twelve years Mr. Carnes devoted his time and energies to the profession of teaching in Clermont county, at the end of which time he engaged as traveling salesman for some three or four years. Tiring of this line of work, he entered upon the life insurance business, which has occupied his attention to the present time. During the years of his activity, Mr. Carnes has accumulated a measure of this world's goods, which includes a well improved farm in the Franklin neighborhood, in his native township.

On September 5, 1894, occurred the great event in the life of Mr. Carnes when he became united in marriage to Miss Florence N. Donaldson, a daughter of William and Arabella (Reakirt) Donaldson, and a granddaughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Paul) Donaldson, whose sketch appears on another page. Mrs. Carnes acquired her preliminary education in the district schools of Clermont county, after which she attended Parker's Academy. She then took a course of study at the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School, and later became a student at Valparaiso, Ind. Mrs. Carnes taught in the schools of Clermont county for ten or twelve years.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Carnes united two of the most prominent pioneer families of Clermont county, whose histories are closely interwoven with that of the county from the earliest days.

In politics, Mr. Carnes affiliates with the Republican party, to which he has given his support, since he reached his ma-



jority. Mr. and Mrs. Carnes embrace the belief of the Presbyterian church, and are active in all worthy affairs of their community. Mr. Carnes is a progressive, enterprising citizen, lending his aid to many movements for the public good.

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### BENJAMIN F. DAVIS.

Benjamin F. Davis, a resident farmer of Union township, Clermont county, owns and operates his splendidly improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres of valley land, which indicates the careful supervision of a practical and painstaking owner, who at the same time keeps in touch with the progress that is manifest in agricultural circles.

Joseph Davis, the grandfather of Benjamin F., of this mention, was born in 1782, on a farm near Romney, Hampshire county, Virginia, and immigrated to Ohio in 1803 with his parents, coming down the Ohio river on a flat boat, and landed at the mouth of Crawfish. Joseph settled on Shaylor's Run, in Union township, and with no capital but his willing hands, a strong heart and an ax, went to work. He soon had saved enough money to purchase some land in Hardin's Survey, on the East Fork, between Perrin's Mills and Milford. He put up a log cabin on his new purchase, and on May 1, 1806, was united in marriage to Rachel Fowler, and to begin housekeeping he carried all of the household goods on a horse, the bride following with her dishes of pewter in her apron. There was no floor in the cabin and their beds were made of sticks and saplings, as were also their tables. At that time that part of Union township was a wilderness, but he reclaimed his purchase from the unbroken forest, adding new lands until he possessed four hundred acres at the time of his death, July 18, 1845. He served his country nearly two years in the War of 1812, as lieutenant in Captain Hosbrook's company, raised from around Milford, and in Hamilton county, Ohio, and participated in the siege of Fort Meigs, in the Maumee Valley, and was under Colonel Crogan in his gallant defense of Fort Stephenson, at what is now the city of Fremont, Ohio. His wife, Rachel, was the mother of ten sons, born in the log cabin, all growing to manhood but one. They were, Mathew, Jeremiah, Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, Henry, Robert F., Ira L., George W., and William B. The mother passed away December 25, 1837. On April 16, 1838, Joseph married Rebecca Vail, by whom there was no issue. He was a man greatly re-





spected for his honesty and integrity, and was a good citizen and enterprising farmer. He was liberal in aiding and sustaining the churches and served for many years as justice of the peace and no appeal was ever taken in any case from his docket. He was public-spirited and having risen from a poor boy to one of the substantial men of the county, he took great interest in all public improvements. His seventh son, Robert F., occupied the old homestead after the death of his father.

Robert F. Davis was born July 25, 1823, and died February 2, 1894. He received the best of the schooling advantages of the days when he was of school age, and his life's occupation was along agricultural lines. He served as justice of the peace for a number of years. His wife, Elizabeth (Marriott) Davis, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, February 27, 1828, and passed away October 28, 1897. She was a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Bickel) Marriott, early residents of Hamilton county, formerly from Pennsylvania, the father being a successful farmer all of his active life. Robert F. and Elizabeth (Marriott) Davis were the parents of ten children, all of whom are living:

Mrs. Rhoda Moon, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Sarah Pierce, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Alba, of Hibbing, Minn.

Mrs. Phoebe Philhour and Mrs. Mary Galoway, of Omaha, Galatin, county, Illinois.

Benjamin, our subject.

Miss Harriet Francis, at home.

Mrs. Wyatt Turner, of Perrintown, Ohio.

Mrs. Isaac Turner, of Miami township.

Charles, of Newtown, Ohio.

Mr. Benjamin F. Davis was born on the farm which is now his home, April 25, 1860, and he is the third of the family to occupy this farm. He was reared on the farm and received a good common school education, residing thus far in the present home. He began the management of the farm at the age of eighteen years, and has carried on general farming, stock raising and dairying, shipping milk and cream to Cincinnati. In all his work he is practical and methodical and is a trustworthy business man, never taking advantage of the necessity of others in his business transactions, and among those by whom he is well known, his word is as good as his bond. Politically, he is a Democrat, but is, however, without political





aspiration, preferring to give his entire attention to business affairs. He is a Mason, having membership at Milford. The family are nearly all members of the Baptist church.

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### CHARLES ADAMS.

Mr. Charles Adams is the proprietor of the Milford bakery, which was established in 1864 by the late Charles Adams, Sr. The plant is fully equipped with modern machinery, and has local routes established, in addition to which they ship extensively to points on the Swing and Kroger traction lines.

The birth of Mr. Charles Adams occurred at Indianapolis, Ind., June 28, 1857. He is a son of Charles and Frances (Ehret) Adams, the former of whom was born at Strasburg, Province of Alsace, France, in the year of 1832. Charles Adams, Sr., was educated in France, where he learned the baker's trade, and came to America in 1852. He was engaged in the bakery business at Brookville, Ind., until 1864, when he established the business in Milford, Ohio. His death took place in 1907, and until five years before his demise he was active in the business. He married Miss Frances Ehret in 1856, at Cincinnati. She was born at Bruchsal, Province of Baden, Germany, in 1836, and came with her parents to America in 1850, settling at Zanesville, Ohio, remaining there for a period following which they removed to Cincinnati. She was a devoted member of the Episcopal church and her death occurred in 1885, in her forty-ninth year. They were the parents of six children:

Charles Jr., our subject.

Louis, is in the government employ at Denver, Colo.

Theresa, deceased.

Francis, deceased.

Frank, is a dentist of Cincinnati.

Emma, became Mrs. Frank Hollington, and lives in San Francisco.

From the age of seven years, Mr. Adams has been a resident of Milford, where he enjoyed the educational privileges of the public school and practically grew up in the bakery shop of his father, learning the business thoroughly, and continued in the bakery business after his father retired.

Mr. Adams spent eight and one-half years at Columbus, Ohio, where he was foreman of the bakery at the State hospital at that place, returning in 1904, and resumed business at Milford.



Mr. Adams has been twice married, the first time to Miss Belle Euyart, of Milford, who died in 1888, leaving one son, Robert, who was born in 1880, is now a draftsman by profession, residing at St. Louis, Mo.

The second marriage took place in 1889, to Miss Eva Magee, a daughter of the late Robert Magee, of Owensville, Clermont county, where Mrs. Adams was born. The mother is still a resident of Owensville. This union has been blessed with two sons:

Charles Magee, who was born in 1893, is attending the State University at Columbus, Ohio, preparing for journalism and is in the second year. Owing to an accident in his early childhood, he lost his eye-sight, but is exceptionally bright and great things are expected of him when his education is completed.

William Ehret is attending the Milford High School, in the second year.

Mr. Adams gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, and considers it the duty of every citizen to take an active part in political affairs, and has served on the county board of elections and is always well informed on the political issues and questions of the day. He is a member of the board of public affairs at Milford. In social circles, Mr. Adams holds membership in the Laurel Lodge, No. 417, Knights of Pythias, of which organization he has been active for the past twenty-three years, helping to organize the lodge of which he is a member.

The religious faith of Mr. Adams and his family is manifested by their membership in the Presbyterian church of Milford. In business transactions he is the soul of honor, and has a broad humanitarian spirit which reaches out to all his fellowmen.

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### JAMES H. EWAN.

James H. Ewan, a veteran of the Civil war, and a representative farmer of Clermont county, Ohio, is living in practical retirement from active labors, on his nicely improved farm of forty-two acres in Batavia township, seven miles from Batavia. He is a native son of Clermont county, his birth having occurred near Bantam, in Tate township, December 10, 1838, and is a son of John and Sylvia (Hankins) Ewan.





John Ewan was born at Little Egg Harbor, N. J., in 1801, and died in Clermont county in 1850. He came to the county in 1837, locating in Tate township, near Bantam, where he secured a good farm. John Ewan built six miles of the Ohio turnpike, and he engaged in farming until his death, caused from cholera.

Sylvia (Hankins) Ewan was also a native of New Jersey, her birth occurring in 1805. She was a daughter of Richard Hankins, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and a weaver by trade. Mrs. Ewan passed from this life November 25, 1877.

James Ewan is one of twelve children, three others are still living, and they are:

Mrs. Abigail Higbee, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Mrs. Ellen Weideman, of Harrison, Ohio.

Samuel J., of 2114 May street, Cincinnati, a mechanic.

James H. Ewan received his education in the district schools and was reared to manhood in Clermont county, where he has always made his home. He remained at home on the farm until the call for volunteers in the army of the Civil war.

On June 3, 1861, Mr. Ewan enlisted in Company C, Twelfth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until July 11, 1864. He served under Capt. Watts McMurchy on the Lynchburg raid and was captured while acting as messenger and mail carrier, on Cotton Mountain, West Virginia, being incarcerated, for a short time, in Libby prison, but was soon exchanged. Mr. Ewan was in several engagements and skirmishes, among them being South Mountain, Antietam, Scary Creek, Bull's Run, Cloyd Mountain, and many others of more or less importance.

The marriage of Mr. James Ewan to Miss Elizabeth A. Johnson was celebrated, October 18, 1865. She was born in Tate township, February 12, 1845, her parents being Anderson and Maria (Kellum) Johnson, both of whom were of pioneer, representative families of Clermont county, the first of the family to come into the county being from New Jersey. Anderson Johnson died December 14, 1897, and Maria Johnson passed away March 25, 1872.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ewan were born four children:

William D., is a farmer of Arkansas and married Pearl Oliphant. They have two children—James and Sylvia.

Albertine is the wife of O. S. Gregor, of Macedonia, Clermont county. They are farmers and are the parents of four children—Lora L., Evert, Mary and Jessie May.



Sylvia, who is Mrs. Jesse Gregor, also farmers of the county. They have one son—Richard.

Rebecca, died July 1, 1879, at the age of ten years.

Mrs. Ewan is the second of seven children, one other still living. She is the wife of Ed. Bishop, of Williamsburg, Ohio. One brother, William D., served three years in the Civil war, enlisting in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. Later he was in the Ninth cavalry from Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewan are members of the Methodist church of Afton, Ohio, and in political views, Mr. Ewan is a Republican. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Williamsburg.

Mr. James Ewan has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, save the period spent in the Civil war, and his labors have been guided by practical judgment, and have been rewarded with a measure of prosperity. He well deserves the release from active life which he now enjoys.

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### WILLIAM WALLACE BROCK, SR.

Mr. William Wallace Brock, who for many years has been prominently identified with the business and official life of Loveland, Ohio, is one of the city's capitalists and is now living in one of the beautiful homes of the municipality, partially retired from active life. His versatility is equaled only by his capacity for business and the integrity and honor of his business methods. Although Mr. Brock has passed his eightieth milestone on life's journey, he still looks after his extensive real estate, business and residence properties. His birth occurred at Rygate, Caledonia county, Vermont, February 14, 1832.

William W. Brock began his career in the business world at the age of fourteen years, when he engaged in railroading, first on construction work and later as rodman, on the Popspsic River railroad, remaining until the road was completed. He next engaged with the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad Company until his sixteenth year, when he returned to his home, where he attended school for a period. In 1852, he was sent to Chillicothe, Ohio, and was for two years on construction work, building the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad, being foreman of the gang of workmen. Following this







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period, he entered the train service, as baggageman, for the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company, and continued in this capacity for nine months, when he was promoted to conductor and ran a train for some fifteen years. There is only one of his associates in train service now living, an engineer of Chillicothe, retired at the age of seventy-eight years.

In 1862, Mr. Brock purchased property in Loveland and the following year took up his residence at that place. He built his present residence in 1865 and built and operated the first planing mill at Loveland. Later he embarked in the lumber and coal business, which he conducted for eight years, and then sold to his brother, A. B. Brock. He then built four houses in West Loveland, in 1872, there being but two others there at that time, building these houses under contract. He erected his present fine store building, the Masonic lodge, of which he is one of the oldest members, from 1864, completed the second story for a lodge room. Mr. Brock engaged in the mercantile business for a time, which he sold out about 1892. For three years he was occupied in the undertaking business, being the first in this line of business in Loveland, he having purchased his hearse from Sterling & Moore, of Batavia.

Mr. W. W. Brock is one of nine children, of whom are living:

A. B. Brock, for years a merchant of Loveland, Ohio, and now residing at Sanford, Fla.

Edwin Brock, a carpenter and builder, of Iowa City, Iowa.

Martha, Mrs. Brown, is a widow and is residing at Sparta, Wis.

In October, 1856, occurred the marriage of William Wallace Brock to Miss Persis E. Whittier, at St. Anthony (now Minneapolis), Minn. (then a territory). She was born at Grafton, N. H., in 1836. Her father was of the firm Whittier, Balch & Company, railroad contractors, and removed to Minnesota Territory about 1855. It was while in the employ of her father that our subject met his future bride. Of the five daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Brock, three are deceased, the oldest being killed at the age of seven years, in a railroad accident, another died at an early age, and the other, who became the wife of Ed. Brown, died at Columbus, Ohio. The two living are: Sarah A., wife of Thomas J. Hall, of Washington Court House, Ohio, and Edith, wife of Alvin Dibble, of West Loveland, Ohio. Mr. Brock was a fine railroad conductor. Of the sons, George W. is now with Armour & Company, in Chi-



ago, and was formerly associated with his father and brother, the late Robert Brock, in the mercantile business; the latter was in the railway mail service, and in the postoffice in Cincinnati for a time. He was appointed under President Harrison's administration. He died February 2, 1907, and his widow, a sister of J. W. Emery, resides at the Emery home near Loveland. Harry, another son, is of the firm of Ward, Brock & Company, of Freeman avenue, Cincinnati. Clarence, the youngest son, is a photographer of Marietta, Ohio.

By his study of the political issues of the day, Mr. Brock is in favor of the principles of the Republican party, and was the first treasurer of Loveland, serving for eight years in succession. He finally resigned, but has always taken a very active interest in all party affairs.

Socially, Mr. Brock has been a member of the Masonic lodge since 1864, and is also a member of the Milford Chapter. He is now the oldest member at Loveland, all of the three charter members are deceased, they being George Brown, Dr. John W. Bean and Harmon Eveland. The first meetings were held at the old grist-mill, prior to 1850.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock have journeyed together along life's pathway for over fifty-six years and are now enjoying the evening of their lives in the peace and quiet of their pleasant home, the haven of rest after years of activity in the world of affairs.

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### BENJAMIN F. WAITS.

Mr. Benjamin F. Wait, a prominent and successful agriculturist and stockman of Clermont county, Ohio, resides at the old Waits home in Williamsburg township, on the East Fork of the Little Miami river, which was built by his father in 1825, and occupies the same room in which his birth occurred, June 5, 1842, a son of Charles and Mary (South) Waits. This farm consists of one hundred acres of fine bottom land, which is under the highest of cultivation.

Charles Waits was born at Cynthiana, Ky., in 1791, and died December 2, 1859, at the home in Williamsburg township, this county. He was a farmer and had, earlier in life, followed the trade of brick layer and stone mason. He served as a soldier (cavalryman) in the War of 1812, and was later lieutenant and captain of militia, in the militia receiving commissions from the State. He built the first brick house in Batavia, which is





still standing. He sold this home to Judge Fishback, who resided there, as did his son-in-law, Judge Philip Swing, and later it became the home of the late Judge John M. Parrot. Later, Charles built many other homes and buildings. He removed from Batavia to the farm, in March, 1821, the farm being one of four purchased with the proceeds of his father-in-law, Peter South's estate, and was deeded to Charles and Mary (South) Waits, thus being in the same family since July 8, 1813. After his sons grew to manhood and could look after his farming interests, Charles Waits again took up his trade of brick laying and stone mason. He was a Republican in political views, and was one of the committee who moved the county seat from Williamsburg to Batavia. He had brothers, Lewis, who lived with the Shakers until his old age; John and Reuben lived in Kentucky, one being quite active in the politics of that State, and was killed at the time of the Morgan raid.

Mary (South) Waits was born April 30, 1798, in Clermont county, near the present site of Perintown, and resided on their farm near Williamsburg, Ohio, until her death, March 7, 1899, at the remarkable age of one hundred years, ten months and seven days. She had never used glasses and could read the papers up to within four days of her death. She was a daughter of Peter and Hannah South, who came to Clermont county in 1790, locating in the vicinity of Perintown. He was a major of "Minute Men" and lost a leg at the battle of Germantown, in the War of the Revolution. Mary South Waits had four brothers, William, James, Peter and Benjamin.

Benjamin F. Waits is the youngest of twelve children, and is the only one now living. Three brothers were in the Civil war:

Malancthon, served in Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Charles, in the same company with his brother, Malancthon.

Henry C., served in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and passed away September 6, 1912, at the age of almost seventy-three years.

The education of Mr. Benjamin F. Waits was acquired at the select school of Mr. G. P. Riley, for which he paid by working on a farm. He received a scholarship, which gave him the privilege of attending the College Hill School, and others, thus securing a very good education.



On August 7, 1862, Mr. Waits enlisted in Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, at the old Concord church, and was the first volunteer to enlist in his company, in which he served two years, ten months and twelve days. He was mustered out June 7, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He was with General Sherman on his "March to the Sea," and was the first of Sherman's soldiers to step on the soil of South Carolina, on February 5, 1865. At the battle of Utah Creek, August 6, 1864, and had his right shoulder smashed by the limb of a tree, shot off by a cannon ball, which laid him up for a short time, although he kept active in the command all the time.

Returning from the war, he became united in marriage on September 12, 1866, to Miss Margaret Raper, who was born in Clermont county, a daughter of Wesley Raper and wife, the former being a nephew of the Rev. William Raper, of Cincinnati, for years a bishop of the Methodist church; Raper chapel being named in his honor. The Rapers were early residents of Williamsburg township. Wesley Raper's father, Joseph Raper, was a staunch Methodist supporter of the church. Mrs. Waits assisted in the care of her husband's mother for over thirty years, the latter making her home there after the death of her husband, in 1859.

To Mr. and Mrs. Waits have been born three children:

Rosie, the wife of Charles Sharper, of Lynchburg, Ohio, now residing in Williamsburg township.

Olive Lenora, became the wife of William Curliss, of Williamsburg.

Charles, married Effie McGohan, of Bethel, Ohio, and are residing at home.

Politically, Mr. Waits is a staunch Republican and has served his party in various local offices. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post of Williamsburg, and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bethel. While the church at Concord was conducted, Mr. Waits and his family were members, but because of the smallness of the congregation there is at present no preacher. Mr. Waits' mother was a member of this denomination for eighty years.

Mr. Waits is highly respected by all who know him, and is warmly esteemed by his hosts of friends, who recognize his sterling virtues. He was a gallant soldier, a loyal friend and is one of the substantial citizens of the county.





## JOHN A. LEONARD.

John A. Leonard is the owner of a finely improved farm of two hundred acres, Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, and is a representative of a family, who for over a century, have made Clermont county their home. The name of Leonard has been prominent in the agricultural circles of this vicinity because of its close identification with the growth and development of the farming interests of Clermont county, almost from its organization.

Mr. Leonard was born at Delapama, about three miles from Williamsburg, May 23, 1857, and is a son of John Wesley and Martha J. (Smallwood) Leonard, who were married June 17, 1852.

John Wesley Leonard was born in the neighborhood of Delapama, February 16, 1827, and farmed successfully in connection with the raising of fine stock, in the county of his nativity until his death, which occurred at Mt. Orab, March 14, 1911. John Wesley Leonard was a staunch Republican, and took active part in all political affairs, never missing an election, and served in all the various local offices for many years, being county assessor. He and all of his family were devoted members of the Methodist church.

Martha J. (Smallwood) Leonard, also a native of Clermont county, was born near Salem church, September 15, 1835, and is a daughter of Levi and Sarah (Thomas) Smallwood, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, not far from Philadelphia. Levi Smallwood owned a large number of oyster beds in the East and came to Ohio early in the Nineteenth century. They located on a farm near Salem church, and there he resided until his death, in 1841. His widow, Sarah (Thomas) Smallwood, later married John Leonard, and died December 12, 1878. To Levi and Sarah Smallwood were born six children, but two of whom are still living. They are:

Martha J., the mother of John A. Leonard.

Annie, who is Mrs. Waite, a resident of Brown county, Ohio.

The father of Levi Smallwood was a "Minute Man" in the War of 1812. Martha J. and John Wesley Leonard were the parents of nine children:

Alice, is Mrs. Hans Arthur, of Eastwood, Brown county, Ohio.

Otis, died in infancy.





John A. Leonard, of this mention.

Mary Ellen, died at the age of twenty-two years.

Three others died in infancy.

Dr. Levi Harry, of Mr. Orab, Ohio.

Osa, who died at the age of sixteen years.

John Wesley Leonard was the son of John and Margaret (Smith) Leonard, who came with their parents in their youth to old Clermont, from Pennsylvania, where they were born. They were married near Salem church, in what is now Brown county, February 4, 1816. They carried on general farming until 1858, when they moved to Delapama, there to conduct a general store. He served the public as squire for many years, and was a grand old gentleman. His birth occurred in April, 1796, and his death December 26, 1868. His wife, Margaret, was born in August, 1794, and passed away March 13, 1847. John Leonard was married a second time to Mrs. Sarah (Thomas) Smallwood, who died December 12, 1878. To John and Margaret Leonard were given eight children, all of whom are deceased.

John Leonard was the son of Moses and Elizabeth Leonard, natives of Pennsylvania, and who located near Salem church, early in the Nineteenth century. They were farmers, raising a great deal of fine stock and grain.

John A. Leonard, the subject of this review, pursued his education in the schools of Clermont county, receiving a good common schooling. He was reared to farm life and early became proficient in all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He has followed farming and stock raising mainly thus far.

On September 5, 1877, Mr. John A. Leonard was united in marriage to Miss Hannah A. Srofe, who was born near Mt. Orab, October 1, 1854, and is a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Callahan) Srofe, who were early residents of Brown county, Ohio. Andrew Srofe served his country in the Civil war, under Capt. Isaac Ross, and died during the war at Memphis, Tenn., being buried there. To the union of Andrew and Mary Srofe were born three daughters:

Hannah A., is Mrs. J. A. Leonard.

Bertha, married Ed. Cumberland, and moved to Nebraska many years ago.

Lizzie, married F. A. Page, of Cincinnati, and died at that place in 1905.

When the girls were quite small, the mother was also taken from them, and they were raised in different homes.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have two children, and they are:

Lizzie A., who was born November 17, 1878, married George Cribbett. They are farmers of Williamsburg township.

Cyrus W., who was born September 30, 1888, is now in the real estate business, with offices in the Blymer Building, Cincinnati. He is a graduate of the Williamsburg High School, and of Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Mr. Leonard is a standard advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and has been called to the office of judge of elections, in which capacity he is serving at present. In religious views both Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are members of the Methodist church, in which they have always been active and efficient workers, they having embraced religion when twelve and fourteen years of age respectively. They have the great pleasure of seeing both of their children active in church work, and all work together.

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### JOHN BURGER.

Mr. John Burger, the senior member of the mercantile firm of Holmes & Burger, at Goshen, Ohio, has been a resident of this village for the past forty-four years, being well and favorably known here and in the country surrounding. Mr. Burger was born near Butlerville, Warren county, Ohio, November 16, 1846, and is a son of Adams and Abigail (Hall) Burger, who were farmers of Warren county, where they both died. Adam Burger was a native of Indiana, while his wife was a native of Warren county. Her people were from Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Burger is the oldest of seven children: Mrs. John Simpson, of Warren county, Ohio; Mrs. Charles Owens, of Madisonville, Ohio; Allen, of Dayton, Ohio; William H., Rebecca and James, deceased.

John Burger was reared in Warren county and cast his first vote in that county, his second, however, was cast in Clermont, where he came in 1868, having married in 1867, Miss Nannie Stibbs, a daughter of John and Maria (Hulse) Stibbs, early resident farmers of Warren county.

Mr. and Mrs. Burger have become the parents of six children:

Walter, of Atwood, Ill., is in the mercantile business.





Edgar C. is associated with his brother, Walter, in business. He married Miss Annie Bass, a niece of Josiah Q. Bass, of Mulberry, Ohio, whose sketch appears in this work. She passed away in June, 1909, leaving one son, John Bass Burger.

Miss Marguerite, of Atwood, Ill.

Josephine, who became the wife of S. L. Turnipseed, superintendent of the New Richmond schools. They have one son, Edward.

Miss Irene, at home.

Edith Hope, married A. A. Elliott, of Atwood, Ill., who is associated with her brothers in the mercantile business of that place. They have had three children, one, Virginia, died in infancy. George B. and Sanford.

Mr. Burger is a Democrat in politics and served as township treasurer of Goshen for eleven years. He is a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge No. 119, of Goshen, also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 232, of Shiloh. In religious matters, both Mr. Burger and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, he having served as trustee for a number of years.

The life record of Mr. Burger is one of great activity and energy. His business career began as a huckster, in 1878, which he followed for three years, entering the employ of Mr. John Holmes in 1871. In 1878, he purchased an interest in the business and has been a member of the firm for the past thirty-four years. He is unfaltering in his allegiance to those qualities of upright manhood which everywhere wins respect and confidence.

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### JOHN G. HOLMES.

John G. Holmes, senior member of the mercantile firm of Holmes & Burger, of Goshen, Ohio, is well known in Clermont county as a representative of one of the pioneer families in the county. His birth took place at Goshen, December 5, 1865, his parents being John and Mary S. (Gatch) Holmes. The latter was a daughter of the Rev. Philip Gatch, the noted pioneer minister of the Methodist church, whose sketch appears in this work. Her demise occurred in 1893.

John Holmes was born in Clermont county and was a son of Daniel Holmes, who established the family in this county about 1840, began merchandising, and in 1849, located the



store on the site of the home erected by John Holmes, now the residence of John G. Holmes. He continued in the business until the year of 1865, when he was succeeded by his sons, John and George W., who conducted separate stores. In 1878, George W. sold out his business to John Holmes and John Burger, the former of whom continued in the business until his death, which occurred in August, 1889, in his fifty-ninth year of his life.

A new firm was then established under the firm name of Holmes & Burger, John Burger of the other firm being the partner, and John G. taking his father's interest. This store probably carries the largest stock of goods in the village, occupying two floors of the store, which is one hundred and thirty feet deep.

John G. Holmes is the second of seven children: Eudora B., John G., Lura M., Annie S., Daniel P. married Miss Edna Yeomans, residents of Goshen, George C. assists in the store, and Frank E. also assists in the store.

John G. Holmes was reared at Goshen and in addition to the school advantages of their native village, attended the college at Delaware, the Ohio Wesleyan University. He has spent much of his time in the store since his youth, and thus became familiar with all the details of the business early in his youth, which enabled him to take up the work successfully upon the death of his father.

In political matters, Mr. Holmes is an advocate of the Republican party, and has for years served as township treasurer. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Goshen and is a consistent member of the Methodist church. Mr. Holmes has taken an active interest in all affairs that affect the community where he has spent most of his life. He has the respect of all of his patrons and friends.

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### THE PAXTON FAMILY.

The Paxton family is one of the oldest and best in Clermont county, noted for its culture, high character, and social standing. There is no family in the county that has added more to its material, moral and social advancement, having always been foremost in all movements for the development of the beautiful in nature and the improvement of the conditions of society.





The ancestors were of Saxon origin and the present spelling has existed since the year of 1250. Early in the Sixteenth century, members of the family crossed the continent and settled in what is now Berwickshire, Scotland, later settlements being made in central England. After the restoration, in 1660, James Paxton fled to County Antrim, in the north of Ireland, and three of his sons, William, Thomas and Samuel, immigrated to America in 1735. They had land surveyed for for them at Marsh Creek, Lancaster, now Adams county, Pennsylvania. Samuel, of these three brothers, had a son born about 1705, whom he named Samuel, Jr., and who became the father of Col. Thomas Paxton, a gallant officer under General Wayne in his expedition against the Indians of the Northwest in the campaign of 1794. Colonel Paxton was born about 1743, and was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, having been commissioned in 1777. He came to Maysville, Ky., from Pennsylvania, by way of the Ohio river, about 1791, and in the spring of 1796, settled in Clermont county, near Loveland. He was the first known actual settler in Clermont county, and put out the first field of corn planted between the Little Miami and Scioto rivers. Col. Thomas Paxton was twice married, having one son and five daughters by the first union and two sons and seven daughters by the second. The daughters all married well and settled near them, and Robert Paxton, one of the sons, remained in Kentucky. The death of Colonel Paxton took place in Miami township, on the farm which is still in the family, in 1813.

Samuel, a son of Col. Thomas Paxton, was born August 7, 1793, and as a youth served in the War of 1812, being in service at the time of his father's death. Samuel made three different enlistments. After the war, Samuel Paxton followed the occupation of farming, and in 1828, built the present home of his children, which has been added to and remodeled in later years. In connection with his farm interests, he made eighteen flat boat trips to New Orleans with produce, walking the entire distance on one return trip. His death occurred December 25, 1880, and his wife passed away, December 23, 1886.

On June 14, 1821, Samuel Paxton was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Weller, who was born in Orange county, New York, and came with her parents to Hamilton county, Ohio, when she was three years of age. Her father was a skilled mechanic and was born in Orange county, New York, and her





mother was a native of Ulster county, New York. Miss Weller was a cousin to the Hon. John B. Weller, the distinguished Ohio politician, prominent later in the politics of California. To Samuel and Eliza (Weller) Paxton were born twelve children, seven sons and five daughters:

Andrew was born May 13, 1827, and is a farmer and stock raiser, operating the home farm; he has never married.

Rebecca was born October 9, 1833, is the widow of Harris Smethurst, who was county auditor of Clermont from 1864 to 1866. She is a devout member of the Presbyterian church.

Miss Martha was born December 21, 1837, and is at the home farm.

Wilson was born December 2, 1840, and has never married; resides at the home farm.

Louisa, who was born June 17, 1842, is Mrs. J. S. Rogers.

Thomas was born December 18, 1822; and was married first to Maria C. Snider, a daughter of Col. Levi Snider, of Warren county, Ohio, and after her death married Miss Emily C. Loveland, of Ashtabula, Ohio, whose parents were natives of Connecticut, her father being a skilled mechanic and prominent in the Masonic lodge of Ashtabula. Thomas died May 15, 1899.

Joseph was born April 8, 1824, and died April 26, 1899.

Harriet was born June 29, 1825, and died March 10, 1910.

John was born July 26, 1829, and died December 11, 1899. He married Jennie Myers, a daughter of George Myers, of Goshen, Ohio.

Charles was born August 4, 1831, and died March 8, 1909. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Ferguson.

Nancy was born January 28, 1835, and died September 7, 1911, her husband being Col. John H. Branch, representative in the Ohio legislature from 1866 to 1869, and her second husband was Rev. William Young, D. D., and her third was G. G. Palmer.

Clinton DeWitt was born April 4, 1844, and died November 18, 1869.

Samuel Paxton possessed to a great degree the characteristics of his ancestors, and was a man of clear perception and intellectual ability. His brother, Thomas Paxton, was born in the northern part of Clermont county, May 4, 1799, and followed farming as a life work. On November 25, 1819, he was married to Miss Rebecca A. Barber, the youngest daughter of Nathaniel and Anna Barber, who came to Ohio from



New Jersey in the year of 1808. Thomas Paxton was a Democrat, and was ever ready to battle for the success of that party. His death occurred in September, 1871, his wife in May, 1862. There were eight children:

Samuel, married Hannah A. Eveland, and resided at Foster's Crossing, Warren county, Ohio.

Mary, married David Crighton, of Loveland, Ohio.

Martha A., married first, Levi Nichols, and second, Adam A. Lever, of Loveland.

Nathaniel B., who married Angeline Hutchinson, resided near Morrow, Warren county, Ohio, for a time, and finally died at Loveland.

James W., who married Agnes Day Buckingham, resided near Camp Dennison, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Thomas B., who married Mary Adelaide Wharton, resided in Cincinnati.

Robert, who married Harriet Hutchinson, resided on the old homestead, near Loveland, Ohio.

Sarah, married Daniel Clarke, of near Loveland, and is now a widow, residing with a son at Chicago.

The members of the Paxton family were and are all of that class of citizens that receive the respect and honor of all in the community in which they live. Their lives are a demonstration to the world, the virtues of upright lives.

On a portion of the land at one time owned by Col. Thomas Paxton was established a private cemetery, in which he lies buried, as do some members of the Ramsey family. A fine, marble slab, handsomely inscribed, was placed over the grave of Colonel Paxton a few years since.

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### WILLIAM B. APPLGATE.

Mr. William B. Applegate, who has been successfully engaged in the mercantile business at Branch Hill, Clermont county, for the past twenty-eight years, was born in Goshen township on a farm, September 4, 1840, his parents being John and Annie (Emery) Applegate.

The founders of the Applegate family in America were Thomas and Elizabeth, who settled in Massachusetts about 1635, coming with the Puritans from England through Holland, Mr. William B. Applegate being the eighth generation in this country.





The first of the family to come to Clermont county was Elijah, who located in the Harvey Irwin neighborhood about 1817. His father, Andrew, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, there being over thirty members of the Applegate family in that war from New Jersey. Elijah was born in South Amboy, N. J., and was one of the early Methodists. He died on his farm in Goshen township.

John Applegate was born in Goshen township in 1817, and was one of seven children:

Perrine, Thomas, John, Elijah, Lydia, Sarah Ellen, Nancy Elizabeth, of those but two, Sarah Ellen and Elijah, of Rushville, Ind., are living. John followed the occupation of farming all of his life and was a man of much influence in the community and in public life. He was township trustee and was a member of the agricultural fair board. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

Annie (Emery) Applegate was born on a farm near Loveland, and is a daughter of Judge John and Deborah Emery, who were among the earliest families of Miami township. She died at an advanced age in 1893, and in religious belief was a Universalist.

William B. Applegate is the eldest of five children:

A. B., of Milford, is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mrs. P. C. Hill, of Westwood, Hamilton county, Ohio.

John A., of Springfield, Ohio.

Perrine K., a farmer living two miles east of Miamiville, Ohio.

William B. Applegate was reared and educated in Clermont county and remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age. After completing the common schools Mr. Applegate attended the Commercial College of Cincinnati, but during the Civil war was captain of militia endeavoring to capture Morgan, the raider.

In 1867, Mr. Applegate became deputy clerk of the court of common pleas, and later served as clerk for a short term, and for five years following he served as school examiner. He then resigned and for some years taught, altogether twenty-four years.

He was united in marriage to Miss Olive Silcott, at Batavia, where she was born and reared, her parents being John W. and Eliza (Davis) Silcott. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Applegate are three children:

John Walter, a dispatcher of Linwood, Ohio, married Clara Rowan, and has three children, Percy, Harold and Irma.



Lillian R., is the wife of Harry E. Stewart, of Woodfield, Monroe county, Ohio, and is the mother of two children, Richard N. and Harry, Jr.

Percy, died at the age of three years.

Mr. Applegate is a Democrat, although he is independent. He has served as county coroner and as clerk of three different townships, Monroe, Goshen and Miami. For over twenty years he has held membership with the order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Applegate are devout members of the Methodist church. They have the warm personal regard of all with whom they are associated. Mr. Applegate is classed with the representative business men of the county and his record shows honesty, integrity and enterprise.

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### JOSIAH QUINCY BASS.

Josiah Quincy Bass, for many years successfully engaged in the mercantile business at Mulberry, Ohio, was for thirty years the postmaster of that village. He was born near Bethel, Ohio, August 27, 1845, and is a son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Elrod) Bass.

Samuel Bass was a native of Massachusetts, his birth occurring at Quincy, in 1807. In 1832, he came to Cincinnati, where he spent a short time, then went to St. Louis, Mo. Returning to Cincinnati he finally located in Tate township, Clermont county, conducted a store at the village of Pinhook, which he later sold, and in 1850 moved to Bethel. In the fall of 1853, he moved again, this time to the village of Mulberry, Miami township, and for about one year was engaged in the mercantile business, after which he retired, residing there until his death, October 1, 1890. His ancestors were among the pioneers of America, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Adams, was a niece of John Adams. Samuel had several brothers and sisters, but was the only one to come to Ohio. He also did some flat boating to New Orleans with merchandise.

Mary Ann Elrod was born in Tate township, Clermont county, in 1827, and passed to her eternal reward in 1905. She was a daughter of Thomas and Cynthia (Frazee) Elrod. Her parents were pioneers of Clermont county, coming from Kentucky. She was a devoted member of the Christian church.





Josiah Quincy Bass is the eldest of three children, the others being:

Thomas, of Mulberry, a retired farmer.

Martha Ann, was born in 1855 and died in 1876.

The early education of Josiah Q. Bass was received in the schools of Tate and Miami townships, and later he became a student of the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. He also attended the Hiram College and after finishing school spent a few years on the farm.

On May 2, 1864, Mr. Bass enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and was mustered out September 20, 1864. He was elected to the Seventy-second General Assembly as a Republican.

The marriage of Mr. Bass to Miss Susan Eunice Warland was celebrated in October, 1871, at Mulberry, Ohio. She was born in Indiana, but has been a resident of Clermont county since 1868, and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Nichols) Warland, who were from Maine and Massachusetts respectively. Mrs. Bass is a member of the National organization of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass have four sons and one daughter:

Samuel, of Milford, Ohio, is in the foundry business, and married Edith Petzhold and are the parents of three children, Ethel, Juliet, and John Quincy. He has one son by a former union, Samuel, Jr.

William, of Burnside, Ky., is an attorney, and has charge of the Excelsior Mills. He married Myra Greeno, a daughter of Col. Charles L. Greeno, of Milford.

Harry B., of Yukon, Okla., is a merchant and married Ethel Bowlby, and they have three children, Elizabeth, Boyleston, and George Wilsam.

George Elrod, of Yukon, Okla., is in business with his brother, Harry. He married Emma Sanger, and they are the parents of three children, Eunice, Ruth and Winona.

Mary Edna, at home. She received her musical education at Painesville, the Ohio Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Bass is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Bass is a member of the Women's Relief Committee, of Milford, S. R. S. West Chapter, No. 161. Mr. Bass is enjoying a rest vouchsafed to him by reason of his honorable and well directed labor in former years, and his life has been one of harmony, which has won for him many warm friends.





## GEORGE F. ARMACOST.

Mr. George F. Armacost, one of the prominent retired farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of the county, and has been a resident of Amelia since 1905. His birth took place a mile and one-half above Point Pleasant, on Big Indian creek, June 20, 1838, and is a son of Isaac and Eliza (Miller) Armacost, the latter of whom was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1813, and died in 1906.

Isaac Armacost was born one mile from Pekin, Clermont county, in 1805, and after an active and useful life as a farmer and stock raiser, passed away in 1898, at Laurel, where for six years he had lived retired from active life. In his family were ten children, six of whom are living:

George F. Armacost, of Amelia, Ohio.

Frank, a resident of Point Pleasant, Ohio.

Thomas, of Laurel, Ohio.

Jennie, the wife of Frank Fisher, of Laurel, Ohio.

Lina, who is the wife of Jack Morton, lives above Boat Run, Ohio.

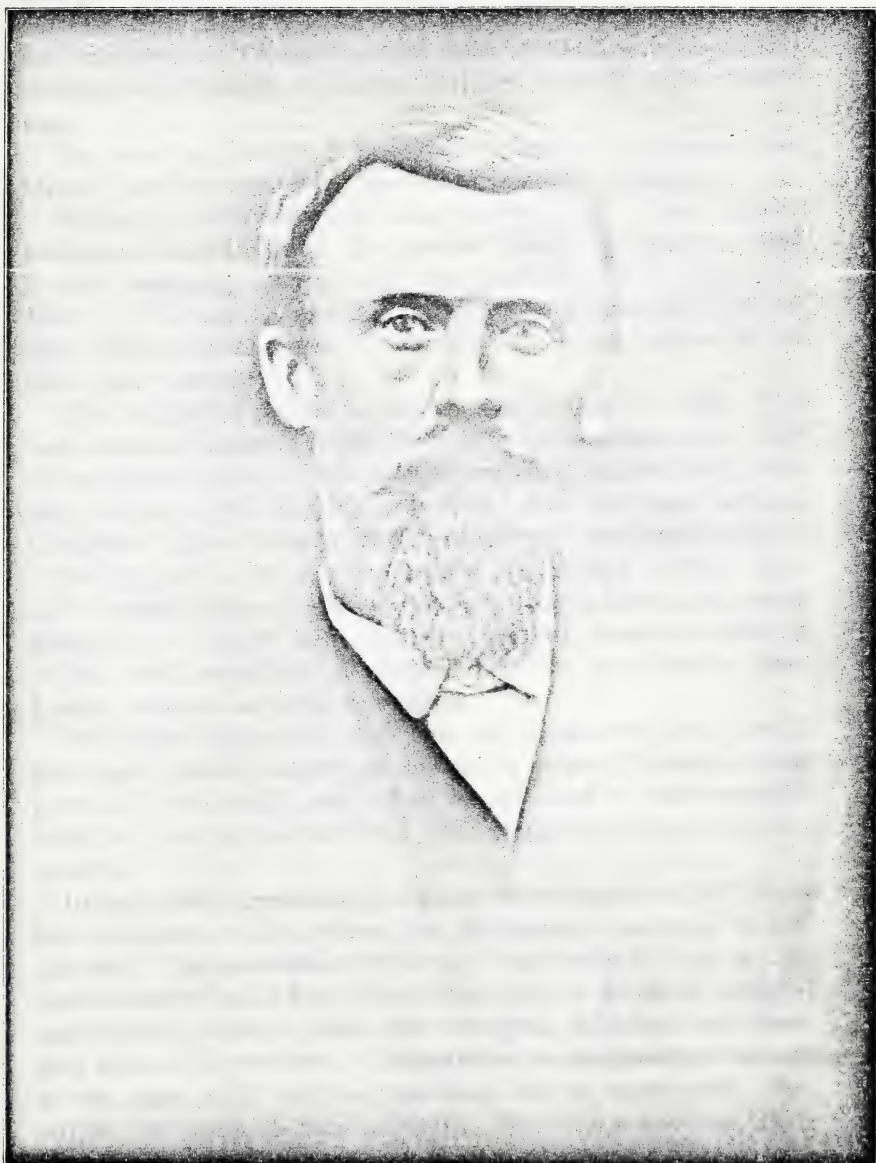
Louisa, is the wife of George Cook, of New Richmond, Ohio.

The pioneering spirit led Christopher Armacost, the father of Isaac, to leave his home in Pennsylvania to seek a new home in Ohio, long before the beginning of the Nineteenth century. He was one of the very earliest settlers in this section and located near Pekin, Clermont county, where he purchased land which he cleared and developed. In those early days all the stock had to be closely housed to protect them from the wolves, which were very numerous in that section.

Mr. George F. Armacost obtained his education in the school at Point Pleasant, and was reared to farm labor, gaining proficiency in the work of the fields as the years passed by. He remained at the parental home until 1866, with the exception of the time spent in the service of his country during the Civil war.

At the call of his country for volunteers, Mr. Armacost responded, enlisting May 5, 1864, in the One Hundred Day Service, from Ohio, and when it was found a longer service was needed, Mr. Armacost remained in the army for six months. He participated only in skirmishes along the Potomac. Two brothers, John and Allen, were in the service, the former for four years and four months, enlisting from





GEORGE F. ARMACOST  
Amelia, Ohio





Ohio, in the Fifth Ohio volunteer cavalry. They are both deceased.

The marriage of Mr. Armacost to Miss Sarah Banam was celebrated in 1860. Mrs. Armacost was born in Laurel, Ohio, and per parents were William and Sarah (Corbin) Banam, both of whom were born near Laurel and have been deceased for many years. Of the children born to them, one daughter, Sophia, Mrs. Hewitt, of Bethel, Ohio, is the only one now living.

The union of George F. and Sarah (Banam) Armacost was blessed with two children; the younger died in infancy.

Arthur Clayton, who was born in 1861, died in 1901, and is buried at Laurel, Ohio. He married Anna Weidmeyer, who is also deceased. They were the parents of five children: Mary E., George H. and Emma reside in Cincinnati; Arthur lives with his grandfather at Amelia; Elizabeth lives with an uncle near Laurel.

Mrs. Armacost passed to her eternal reward in 1865. She was a devout member of the Methodist church and was a lady of beautiful character, her disposition was cheerful and helpful, and in church work she was an able and most earnest Christian. Many friends in the county mourned her death.

In 1872, Mr. Armacost was united in marriage to Mrs. Martha (Ironton) Dawson, who was born near Laurel, and was a daughter of Abner and Martha (Marsh) Ironton, both of whom were members of pioneer families who settled near Laurel, which was their birthplace.

Soon after his second marriage, Mr. Armacost purchased a farm near Laurel, where he carried on general farming along practical lines until 1905, when he removed to the beautiful home at Amelia, on the Ohio pike, which he has greatly improved.

In 1910, Mr. Armacost was again called upon to part from his companion in life, when Mrs. Armacost was called to her last rest. Her breadth of character, deep sympathy and strong intellectuality made her a power for good in her home locality, and she did much to mold the thoughts, influence and opinions of those around her. Commanding respect and confidence at the same time she won the deep love of those who came within the circle of her friendship. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church from her young girlhood and her entire life was in harmony with her profession of faith.

Politically, Mr. Armacost is in favor of the principles of



the Republican party, although early in life he voted the Democratic ticket. He has served his party in the capacity of trustee of Monroe township and in other local offices.

Mr. Armacost is a Christian by faith and practice and has led an honorable life in harmony with his profession. He has for sixty years been a member of the Methodist church and given his services to the people as trustee and class leader, as well as his support in a financial way.

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### AMOS S. HILL.

Numbered among the enterprising residents of Clermont county is Mr. Amos S. Hill, who was formerly engaged in the business of carpentering, but now devotes his attention to the direction of his farming interests in Stonelick township, eight miles southeast of Milford, Ohio.

Amos S. Hill was the fourth in age of a family of six children, of whom three are living, the subject of this sketch and one brother, B. R. Hill, and one sister, R. C. Hill, of Milford. Of those who have passed away, one was killed at the battle of Stone River, in December, 1862. Mr. Amos S. Hill was born in Van Buren county, Tennessee, February 15, 1847, his parents being Benjamin A. G. and Sarah Ann (Combs) Hill, whose demise occurred in 1851, three weeks apart.

Benjamin A. G. Hill was born in Stonelick township, where his father, Samuel, owned a large farm, the latter being also one of the county judges for many years. He was a resident of the counties of Clermont and Hamilton, and was one of six brothers who came to Ohio, probably from Pennsylvania. Samuel was successful as a farmer and died on his farm near Olive Branch. Benjamin A. G., who was a teacher for a number of years, had the following brothers: Amos, who was also a teacher, died in Tennessee; John B., lived in Tennessee and Ohio; Francis Asbury, was a resident of Hamilton county, Ohio; George, was a resident of Clermont county, Ohio; Thomas, was a resident of Clermont county, Ohio; Philip, was a carpenter near Boston, Clermont county. All have been dead a number of years.

Amos S. Hill was but four and one-half years old when his parents died, and he was reared by his uncles. He received a good schooling, after the completion of which he learned the





carpenter's and builder's trade with his uncle, Philip A. Hill, and for the better part of forty-five years he followed his trade. Mr. Hill has resided practically all of his life thus far in Clermont county, having spent over forty-five years in this vicinity. He has occupied his present home for twenty-three years.

The marriage of Mr. Amos S. Hill to Miss Sarah J. Murphy, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Anderson) Murphy, residents and occupants of this farm, occurred in 1867. Mrs. Hill's parents were early residents of Clermont county, her father being a tailor by trade, who in his later years followed farming and trucking. Her mother's people, the Andersons, were from Virginia. Both parents were active members of the Methodist church, her father helping to build the church at Mt. Zion. Mrs. Hill has two sisters, Mrs. B. R. Hill, of Milford, and Mrs. Rachel Philhower, of Williams' Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of five children:

David E., of Owensville, who is a carpenter by business and married Miss Minnie Miller and has two children.

Seren M., a farmer of Modest, Ohio, who married Miss Hattie Shinkle, and has one daughter.

James C., of Norwood, Ohio, where he is in the plumbing business, and who was formerly with the Union Central Life Insurance Company. He married Miss Edith Franklin, and has two children.

Raymond, at home, a farmer by occupation.

Imogene E., who is the wife of Vernie C. Hair, assistant cashier of the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern Railway Company, and resides at Middletown, Ohio. They have one daughter and one son.

In political matters, Mr. Hill gives his support to the Democratic party, although he is liberal and independent. He has served as justice of the peace three years, and was elected the second time but declined to serve, and as notary public for fifteen years, and has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. He is a Mason, having membership at Owensville, Ohio. The family of Mr. Hill as well as himself, are devoted members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Hill has led an active life, in which untiring labor has been crowned with success. He has worked energetically and persistently year after year, and though he started life empty handed he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of Clermont county.





Mrs. Hill's paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland, and settled near Goshen, Clermont county, where he died. Jacob Murphy, the father, died in 1891, at the age of eighty-one years, and the mother died in 1893, also in her eighty-first year. The Murphys were old and highly respected residents of the county.

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### JOHN ROBINSON LONG.

Mr. John Robinson Long, who for many years was familiarly known in Clermont county as "Bob" Long, passed to his eternal reward on March 25, 1905, having spent his entire life in the home where he was born, March 17, 1837. His active life was devoted to fruit culture and farming mostly, although he spent some years in teaching. He was widely known as a worthy and respected citizen of the county, and his personal characteristics won for him the love and esteem of the majority of those with whom he was brought into contact.

Mr. Long was a son of the Rev. Enoch and Elizabeth (Robinson) Long, the former was also a native of Miami township, where he resided all of his life, being a Methodist preacher and farmer. His death took place in 1857, in the forty-fifth year of his life. His father, Frederick Long, came to Clermont county from North Carolina, and was also a Methodist minister and farmer until his demise, residing in Miami township during his activities as a minister.

John Robinson Long was one of six children and was given the advantages of a good education. He remained at the parental home, becoming familiar with the business of agriculture, which he made his life occupation. He was united in marriage on December 12, 1864, to Sarah J. Leaf, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Clermont county, her parents being Henry and Mary (Turner) Leaf, the father coming to Hamilton county from New York when eighteen years of age, where he was born and reared. He became a progressive farmer and raiser of fine stock, and at the time of his death, in 1871, was a large land owner, having property in Clermont county and elsewhere in this vicinity. Mrs. Long's mother passed away in 1850.

Mrs. Long is one of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, those living are Isaac, George, Michael and Daniel. She was reared from the age of six years by a sister in Mt. Carmel, Union township.



In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Long have been three children:

Miss Minnie, at home.

Henry Leaf, is operating the home farm.

Elbertie died at the age of fourteen years.

Mr. Long was a staunch Republican, and was active in all public affairs, serving as township trustee for several years. Although not a member of any denomination he was of good moral character, and was interested in all worthy enterprises tending to the advancement of the community. His life was filled with good deeds, acts of mercy and works of kindness, and there are many who bless his memory because of the assistance he has rendered and the influence he has exerted toward noble living and high ideals.

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#### SUMNER B. MYERS.

One of the successful farmers and stock raisers of Clermont county is Mr. Sumner B. Myers, who for the past forty-two years has resided on his present home farm of seventy-seven acres of highly cultivated land in Goshen township. He is a representative of the earliest of sturdy pioneer settlers in the northern part of Clermont before it was organized as a county. The birth of Mr. Myers occurred in Goshen township, Clermont county, Ohio, July 23, 1848, his parents being Jacob K. and Sarah J. (Wellman) Myers.

The Myers family are of German descent and the name was formerly spelled Moyer, but changed by time to present spelling. The first of the family in this section was Jacob Myers, born at Penn's Valley in the year of 1770, and who immigrated, with his wife, Eve (Frybarger) Myers, and several acquaintances to Lexington, Ky., in 1795. This was their home until 1797, when they came to Ohio, locating at Columbia, then a noted point just above Cincinnati, until a suitable location could be found in the Northwest Territory. A settlement was made the year following, 1798, in the northern part of Clermont, in what is now Goshen township, four years before Ohio was admitted to the Union and before Clermont was organized as a county. Jacob Myers was a shrewd and enterprising farmer and accumulated about fifteen hundred acres of land in Ohio and Indiana. His wife passed away in 1831, and he





was united in marriage for the second time, to Miss Elizabeth Reeder, who died in Iowa. Jacob Myers passed away in 1841, after a useful, active life.

Jacob Myers, the father of the subject of this review, was the son of John Myers, the first white child born in Goshen township. Jacob Myers was born in Clermont county in 1820 and was raised on his father's farm and followed the occupation of farming. He was married December 30, 1841, to Miss Sarah J. Wellman, and to their union were born the following children:

Benjamin F. was a soldier of the Civil war, serving in the Thirty-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He died in Defiance county, Ohio, after having followed the occupation of farmer for many years in that locality.

John W., a soldier in the Civil war, serving in the One Hundredth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, resides at Ayresville, Ohio.

Harriet Ann is the wife of F. W. Bolinger, of Williams county, Ohio.

Sumner B., of this mention.

The death of Mrs. Myers occurred in 1848, on the 12th of August, after having lived an exemplary life devoted to her family and home.

Mr. Jacob K. Myers was a second time married—to Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, and to their union were born four children: Orlando O., of Defiance, Ohio.

Alvaro P., of Defiance, Ohio.

Eliza Ada May, is married and lives at Defiance, Ohio.

William A. Henry, died at the age of sixteen years.

Jacob K. Myers passed from this life in 1904, in Defiance county, Ohio, where he had been a resident since 1850. He was an active Democrat, and served as justice of the peace in Defiance county. He was also postmaster for three years at Ayersville, Ohio, and served as vice-president of the agricultural society.

Mr. Sumner B. Myers was reared to young manhood on the farm of his grandfather from infancy, and obtained good common schooling.

In 1870, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Irwin, who was born and reared in Goshen township, a daughter of Harvey and Elizabeth (Hand) Irwin, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Myers's two brothers, David R. and R. B., farmers of Goshen township, and one sister are living.



The family of Mr. and Mrs. Myers consists of two sons and three daughters:

Effie, who is now Mrs. Lee Hill, of Stonelick township.

John H., a lawyer of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clifford I., of Oklahoma City, Okla., is in the real estate business.

Mabel, is Mrs. Yeoman, of Oklahoma City.

Mary H. is at home.

Mr. Myers started out in life for himself on his present farm and has followed the vocation continuously to the present time. While he is a general farmer and cultivates nearly all the productions common to Clermont county soil, he has also given considerable time to the raising of stock.

In politics, Mr. Myers is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and has served as township trustee, being at present a member of the school board. He was county commissioner from 1903 to 1906 and was nominated and elected to the office in 1912. In all offices of public trust, Mr. Myers has been faithful and his services have been satisfactory.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Myers include the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons and the Encampment of Goshen. In all of these orders he is held in high esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers embrace the belief of the Methodist church, and both are generous contributors to all charitable institutions and benevolent movements.

The Myers families from the very earliest of Clermont county's history have been noted for their industry, thrift, business standing and high social position.

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#### CAPT. ROBERT B. SIMPSON.

Capt. Robert B. Simpson, of 2653 Melrose avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is a first cousin of Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant, and has been in the United States revenue service for the past forty-two years. That he has performed his duties in an acceptable manner is evidenced by the length of time he has been in the government employ.

Robert B. Simpson is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Tate township, in the home where





the marriage of General Grant's mother was celebrated. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Griffith) Simpson.

Samuel Simpson was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1796, and came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1818, locating in Tate township, where he purchased a farm. The journey from Pennsylvania to Ohio was made with a four-horse team, in company with his father, John Simpson, who purchased some seven hundred acres of land in Tate township, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, to sell out his property at that place. His father, John Simpson, Sr., was a Revolutionary soldier, being a member of a battalion of the Philadelphia county militia. Samuel was an only son, but had the following sisters:

Mary, who married James Griffith, is the grandmother of Judge Perry Griffith, of Batavia, Ohio.

Hannah, who married Jesse R. Grant, was the mother of U. S. Grant.

Sarah, died in young womanhood.

Ann, a half-sister, married James M. Ross, the pioneer gunsmith of Bethel, Ohio.

Elizabeth (Griffith) Simpson was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1799, a daughter of Thomas Griffith, an early resident of the county. She was the grandaunt of Judge O. P. Griffith, of Batavia. She and Samuel Simpson were devout members of the Presbyterian church.

Capt. Robert B. Simpson is the fourth of seven children:

Sarah E., the widow of William Elrod, of Centralia, Ill.

Melissa J., the widow of George S. Gatch, of Milford, Ohio.

Amanda P., married B. L. Winans, of Bantam, Ohio, and died in 1906.

Robert B., of this sketch.

John, a retired army officer, with the rank of brigadier-general, and makes his home with his daughter, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Mary, is the wife of Walter E. Burroughs, of New Richmond, Ohio.

Harriet, married C. W. Burroughs, and died about 1902.

The education of Robert B. Simpson was received in the schools of Clermont county, after which he followed the occupation of farming until January 17, 1865, when he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until September 20, 1865. He was mustered out as first sergeant of his company.





After his return from the war, Mr. Simpson resumed farming as soon as his health would permit, residing at Bethel until he accepted a position in the United States revenue service, when he removed to Dayton, Ohio, June 1, 1869. He remained at Dayton for six years, and since 1875 has been in Cincinnati, serving continuously for forty-two years, in the government service. For the past twenty-eight years he has resided in his present home.

On November 22, 1860, Robert B. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Fagely, a sister of M. W. Fagely, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these volumes. She was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, but was reared and educated in Clermont county, Ohio.

In the family of Captain and Mrs. Simpson have been born five children, one of whom is deceased. They are:

William H., vice-president of the Central Trust & Savings Bank of Cincinnati. His first wife was a daughter of the late William Shaw. Her death occurred March 23, 1892, leaving an infant child. The second wife was Laura P. Cole, of Springfield, Ohio. They are the parents of three daughters, Eleanor, Virginia Grant and Dorothy.

Ida, died at the age of two years.

John E., living at Los Angeles, Cal. He married Miss May Phelps, and has two sons, Robert P. and John W.

Louise, the widow of LeRoy Hahn, has one son, Wilson.

Edith, is Mrs. Clarence W. Hahn, of New York City, where her husband is a professor of biology. They have one daughter, Sarah Catherine.

By his study of the political questions of the day, Captain Simpson favors the principles of the Republican party. In social affairs, he is a member of the Fred C. Jones Post, No. 401, Grand Army of the Republic, of Walnut Hills, and has filled all of the various chairs of the organization. Mrs. Simpson is a member of the Julia Ward Howe Club, and of the First Presbyterian Church, which the family attends.

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### SILAS WARBINGTON.

The name of Silas Warbington has been associated with the farming interests of Clermont county, Ohio, for many years, and is a name that stands for honesty and integrity, in both business and social circles. His present home is in Miamiville,



this county, where, after a life of activity, he is practically living in retirement. His birth occurred one mile from his present home, on February 22, 1842. His father, James Warbington, died when a young man, before the Civil war, and his mother passed away during the war period. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, Silas being the only one still living.

Silas Warbington attended the schools of the district until he was thirteen years of age, spending the next five years at Clinton, DeWitt county, Illinois, returning at the age of eighteen years.

In response to the call of his country for volunteers in the army of the Civil war, he enlisted in 1862, in Company A, Eighty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving three months and twenty days.

In 1890, Mr. Warbington married again, and his present wife, who was Beulah Fitzwater before her marriage, is a second cousin of his first wife. She was born in Miami township, Clermont county, in 1842, and is a daughter of John and Nancy (Vandervert) Fitzwater.

Returning from the war, Mr. Warbington was united in marriage to Miss Eliza S. Fitzwater, who was a daughter of John Fitzwater, a resident of Miamiville, he being a cooper by trade. The family came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Warbington passed from this life many years ago, leaving three children:

Emma, who married Lawrence Woodruff, is deceased, leaving six children.

Doyt, a resident of Cincinnati, is married and has three children.

Alice, is the wife of Ed. Drake, residing at Miamiville. They have one child.

In 1864 and 1865 he served in the United States navy, on the gunboat "Benton," the flagship of Commodore McCulough. In all of his service he was never wounded.

Farming has been the principal occupation of our subject in connection with which he has also been a shoe maker. For twenty-two years he was the sexton of the cemetery and of later years has engaged in truck gardening.

Mr. and Mrs. Warbington have a pleasant home in the village of Miamiville, which is situated on an acre of land. Mrs. Warbington owns a finely improved farm two miles from the village. They are devoted members of the Christian church,





and socially Mr. Warbington is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, No. 544, Grand Army of the Republic, at Milford, Ohio. He is a staunch Democrat, although not an office seeker.

During his residence in the county, Mr. Warbington has witnessed many changes in the moral, social, and material conditions, which show a wonderful advancement and progress in the life of the community. It is a great satisfaction to him that he and his family have contributed largely to these improvements.

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### AQUILLA D. BARROW.

Mr. Aquilla D. Barrow, who owns and operates his finely improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Union township, near Perintown, Clermont county, Ohio, was born near Newtown, Hamilton county, Ohio, March 18, 1843, and is a son of Bennett and Hannah (Durham) Barrow, the former of whom was a native of Montgomery county, Kentucky, where he was born July 30, 1809. He was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed in connection with farming. His death occurred April 15, 1890, in Clermont county, Ohio, at the home of his son, Aquilla D. Barrow. Hannah (Durham) Barrow was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, October 8, 1813, and passed from this life on August 18, 1884. She was a daughter of Aquilla and Harriet (Thompson) Durham. The founder of the Durham family in America was Samuel, who was born in the city of Durham, Durhamshire, England, in 1699, and left England in 1722 for America, settling at Baltimore, Md. He was a ship carpenter of great ability and became very wealthy. His wife was Eleanor Smissen, and one of their sons, Joshua, was given a large plantation, which he sold in 1783, and starting westward resided some years about sixty miles east of Philadelphia. In the fall of 1795, Joshua Durham flat boated from Pittsburgh down the Ohio river to the mouth of the Little Miami river, landing May 13, 1796, and died on a farm near there in 1829.

Aquilla, a son of Joshua and Harriet Durham, was born in Hartford county, Maryland, in 1779, and in 1804 married Harriet Thompson, who was a daughter of Barnard Thompson, a soldier in the War of the Revolution. In 1807, they removed to the Little Miami Bottoms, above Newtown, Ohio, and were among the founders of the Universalist church at



Newtown. Harriet (Thompson) Durham passed from this life in 1868, and her husband, Aquilla, followed her in 1870.

Aquilla D. Barrow, the subject of this review, was reared on the home farm near Newtown, Ohio, and received the usual education given to the young of those days. He became experienced in the business of farming, in which he has been very successful.

His marriage to Martha J. Marriott occurred October 31, 1871. She was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Newtown, May 12, 1845, and is a daughter of George and Barbara (McAdams) Marriott, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Ohio. Mrs. Barrow was reared in Hamilton county to the age of fifteen years, coming to Clermont county in 1860.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow have had eight children:

Miss Dollye E., at home.

Bertha, who became the wife of William Whitehead, of Norwood.

Howard C., of Milford, Ohio, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Frances, who is the wife of R. E. Hicks, of Wheeling, W. Va.

Lyman K., a farmer, is at home. He married Lelah Tone.

Bessie J., is the wife of Fred Donley, of Norwood, Ohio.

Bennett T., died in December, 1891, at the age of fifteen years.

Eva B., died in 1891, at the age of three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow are members of the Universalist church, although three of the daughters are members of the Methodist church. In political views, Mr. Barrow votes the Democratic ticket. He is justly classed with the representative farmers of Clermont county, and has a wide and favorable acquaintance with the leading citizens of this part of the State.

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### DANIEL TURNER.

One of those honest, self-made men of our country, who by their industry and judgment have overcome all difficulties, and risen from poor circumstances to fortune and eminence was Daniel Turner, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1806, and was the youngest of four chil-





dren, who were brought with their parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Beltz) Turner, to Ohio in 1808.

Michael and Elizabeth (Beltz) Turner left Pennsylvania in the year of 1808 and came down the Ohio river in a flat boat to Columbia, then the most noted place for eastern emigrants to disembark. Michael passed away January 16, 1856, in his seventy-fifth year, and his wife, Elizabeth, passed away September 1, 1824, in her forty-third year. Of their twelve children, the first four were born in Pennsylvania, the rest in Ohio.

Sarah, married Uriah Baldwin and later Henry Leaf.

John, the second in order of birth.

Elizabeth, married William Dumford.

Daniel, the subject of this mention.

Polly, married Henry Leaf.

Anna, married Samuel Perry.

Lewis, died at the age of eight years.

Isaac, who became a Baptist minister, died in Illinois.

Andrew J., died about the age of eighty years.

William, died about the age of twelve years.

Julia Ann, died at an advanced age.

Amanda, married Harrison Carpenter.

Daniel received the ordinary education of the district schools so poorly afforded in the days when he was a boy, and worked on a farm. He started in life with no capital, but his strong muscles, untiring energy and an honest heart. When fifteen years of age, in 1821, Daniel came to Clermont county and on October 10, 1827, married Susan Malott, daughter of Peter and Martha Malott, who was born January 27, 1811. When they were married all the capital in their possession was one horse. About 1831, Daniel purchased twelve acres of land, and from time to time added to his first purchase until he owned at one time, eight hundred and fifty acres of the best bottom lands on the East Fork, in Clermont county, eleven hundred and sixty acres of choice land in the southern part of Clinton county, and two hundred and thirty-three acres in Highland county, in all two thousand and forty-three acres. In later years he built a fine residence at Perin's Mills, on the Milford and Chillicothe Pike, in Miami township. Besides being a large land owner he traded extensively in horses and hogs.

While a member of no denomination he and his family attended the Baptist church and for over a third of a century





he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the Clermont Lodge, No. 49, at Milford. He was a strict and positive Democrat in politics, but always refused public office. He frequently served as school director, he, having a large family, was interested in all educational affairs. For two and one-half years he was interested in what is now the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, being a director and extensive stockholder.

Of the nine sons and four daughters who were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Turner, but three are now living: Benjamin C. and Peter, of near Lynchburg, Highland county, Ohio, and Mrs. John G. Ragland. Twelve of the children grew to maturity. Mrs. Turner passed from this life in April, 1900, in her ninetieth year, her husband having gone on before, October 26, 1880.

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#### DR. JOHN GEORGE ROGERS.

Dr. John George Rogers was one of the most noted of the physicians and surgeons of the pioneer days of Clermont county, Ohio, who practiced at a time when it was necessary for great sacrifice of personal comfort, for the taking of long, arduous rides over poor roads in sparsely settled districts. The birth of Dr. J. G. Rogers occurred near Camden, New Jersey, April 29, 1797, his parents being Dr. Levi and Anna (George) Rogers, who came to Clermont county in 1804, settling first at Williamsburg. In 1810, the family removed to Bethel, where the father died, April 4, 1815, in his forty-seventh year, and his wife, who was a native of New Jersey, passed away at Batavia October 13, 1856.

After having acquired the knowledge usually taught in the schools of his day, John George Rogers was placed under the instruction of his father at home, where he received most of his literary education, and where the deep and broad foundations of his professional life were laid. His father, having a large practice, was often away from home and many of the duties were placed on his son, who in boyhood acquired great dexterity in extracting teeth, bleeding and many of the operations of minor surgery, as well as dispensing medicine in the absence of the father. When fourteen years of age, William Goble, a farmer near Bethel, Ohio, was severely and thought



to be fatally wounded by a cut from a scythe upon the back and shoulder, which in the absence of his father, the boy was compelled to attend. He took eleven stitches, an inch and one-half apart, in the wound, with such success that the next day, upon examination, his father pronounced a perfect surgical job.

Upon the death of his father, Dr. Rogers applied himself closely to the study of medicine, under the instruction of Dr. William Wayland, for two years, receiving instruction also from Dr. David Morris. He spent two years reading medicine with Dr. Zeno Fenn, an eminent physician of Clermont county. At the age of twenty years, Dr. Rogers settled at New Richmond, June 11, 1818, where he soon became a noted and successful physician.

In 1824, he was appointed by the General Assembly, with others as a censor, to organize the First District Medical Society of Ohio, composed of the counties of Clermont and Hamilton. When the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati was fully organized, in 1825, Dr. Rogers attended the lectures by Professors Morehead, Slack, Cobb and Whitman, graduating with the highest honors in 1826. He was the main instrument in the organization of the Clermont County Medical Society, on May 11, 1853, and was its first president, in which capacity he again served in 1859 and 1867. He was a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and attended many of its annual meetings, and took an active part in the famous meeting at White Sulphur Springs. He was a member, also, of the American Medical Association, attending the sessions at Washington, Baltimore, Louisville and other points. He performed many important surgical operations, for which he was commended by the medical journals. He was the family physician of Jesse R. Grant and officiated at the birth of Ulysses S. Grant.

On October 19, 1820, he was married to the accomplished daughter of United States Senator Thomas Morris, Julia Morris, by whose death he was left with five small children, who were Eliza H., Levinia, Lydia Ann married Jacob Ebersole, Rachel M. married Theodore Griffis, of Connersville, Ind., and Dr. Levi M.

The second marriage of Dr. Rogers occurred November 19, 1833, to Sarah Ann Molyneaux, of Scotch-Irish parentage, born at County Antrim, Ireland. Her family sprang from the French Huguenots, who escaped from France to Ireland





after the terrible massacre of St. Bartholomew. Her parents immigrated to America about 1820, settling at Point Pleasant, Clermont county, Ohio.

Dr. Rogers was a member of Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, of Williamsburg, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a member, as was his excellent wife, of the Presbyterian church, and throughout his long and eventful life was identified with all movements for the advancement of Christianity.

In politics, he was originally a Jackson Democrat, but in his later years was identified with the Republican party. Although he never held office he always endeavored to advance the moral and educational interests of the community in general.

Dr. Rogers was one of the most influential and unflinching opponents of slavery and lived to see his cherished anti-slavery principles adopted and carried out by the government. During his long and honorable career he was an advocate of morality, religion, education, humanity and science and a man worthy of the proud line of which he was an illustrious descendant.

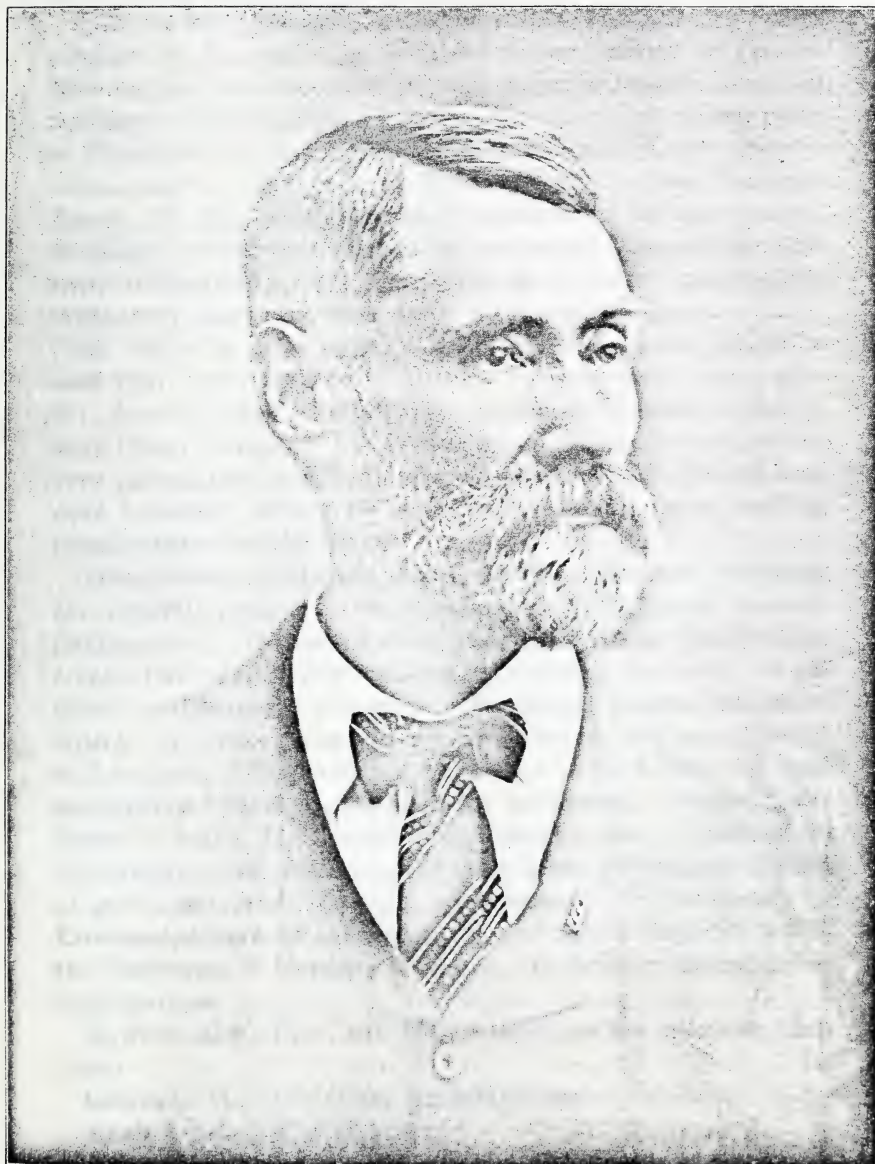
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### J. D. SORRELL.

Mr. J. D. Sorrell, formerly one of the representative farmers of Clermont county, now engaged in the real estate business, was born in Bath county, Kentucky, November 28, 1851, a son of Elisha and Eliza (McCullough) Sorrell.

Elisha Sorrell, who was in sympathy with the North at the time of the Civil war, was forced to flee from Kentucky in 1863, his property being destroyed, and he was left penniless. Arriving in Brown county, near Feesburg, in the fall of 1863, Elisha began to work for eighty cents per day to endeavor to support his large family of two sons and five daughters. At that time wheat was \$3.00 per bushel, flour \$12.00 per barrel, pork 20 cents per pound, in fact food stuffs were high and scarce, likewise wearing apparel, etc. His wife being ambitious, with the help of the children, pulled the wool from the dead sheep found in the neighborhood, which they carded and made into yarn for the stockings and mittens of the children, exchanged for groceries and drygoods at the country stores. By all working together they managed to exist until they were enabled to rent a farm. In 1869, the mother laid down the





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burden of life and passed to her eternal reward. Two years later, the father, Elisha Sorrell, sold what he had of this world's goods to the children and returned to Kentucky, where he resided mainly until his death.

J. D. Sorrell received a limited education and after his father returned to Kentucky, he, with the sisters, carried on general farming until his twenty-third year, when he became united in marriage to Miss Lizzie C. Reece, the ceremony taking place on December 15, 1874. Miss Reece was born in Brown county, Ohio, and is a daughter of William and Caroline (Savage) Reece. In 1875, all of the family removed to Bracken county, Kentucky, where they farmed for two years. During the time spent in Kentucky, Mr. Sorrell lost three sisters and his only brother by death. A little later he moved to Brown county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm of seventeen acres, which he sold four years later at a profit. For the next four years, Mr. Sorrell rented a large tobacco farm in Hamilton county, near Camp Dennison. The next move of Mr. Sorrell proved very satisfactory and he purchased one hundred acres of land near Loveland, where he remained for many years, making improvements in the home.

There being a valuable stone quarry on his new purchase, Mr. Sorrell engaged in the shipping of building and macadamizing stone. He leased other stone land along the Obanion creek, thus being able to enlarge his shipping business. In addition to this line of enterprise, Mr. Sorrell became interested with C. W. Stokes, a son-in-law, in a grocery and meat market at Loveland. This company purchased cattle by the car load and fattened them on the farm for butchering. When Texas began to boom, Mr. Sorrell added another line of business to his already varied interests, engaging in the selling and trading of gulf coast land. In 1907, he removed with his family to Loveland, where he carries on the real estate business, under the firm name of Hopping & Sorrell, Mr. Stewart Hopping being a partner.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sorrell are the following children:

Gertrude M., lives at the parental home.

Adah Ethel, is also at home.

Daisy Elva, married C. W. Stokes, and they have one child, Dorothy.

Marguerite is Mrs. Seth Tufts, of Loveland, and is the mother of two children, Martha E. and John Oscar.





Mamie and Hazel are at home.

Two children died in early childhood.

Mr. Sorrell gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. His fraternal affiliation is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he has filled all the chairs.

The early religious training of Mr. Sorrell has continued with him and his membership with the Methodist denomination is his by birthright. In all of life's relations Mr. Sorrell has merited the trust and confidence so uniformly extended to him. In his business interests he has been found reliable and energetic. His well directed labors have brought him a measure of success which numbers him among the men of affluence in Loveland, Ohio.

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### JOHN G. RAGLAND.

John G. Ragland, general farmer and stockman, who owns and operates his finely improved farm of one hundred and eight acres near Perintown, Clermont county, Ohio, has been a resident of the county for thirty-two years, and of his present home for the past fifteen years. His progressive spirit and energy are indicated by his beautiful home, which is situated in the midst of well tilled fields.

The birth of Mr. Ragland occurred near Newton, Ohio, January 31, 1852, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Jane M. (Ellis) Ragland, the latter of whom was born near Baltimore, Md., where she was orphaned at the age of six years. She was brought here by an uncle, Mr. Jarrett Cheseldine, who reared and educated her at Mt. Auburn. At an early age her marriage was celebrated and her death took place in October of 1909, in the eighty-first year of her age.

Benjamin F. Ragland was born in Clark county, Kentucky, in 1822, and when six years of age came with his father, Henry Clinton Ragland, to Hamilton county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, remaining there until he retired, after which he made his home with our subject, John G. Ragland, until his death, which occurred in 1908. The family were originally from Virginia, and of English descent.

John G. Ragland is one of a family of six children:

William T., of Champaign, Ohio.

Lucy, the wife of George Turner, of Perintown, Ohio.

John G., of Perintown, Ohio.



Edmond O., of Madisonville, Ohio, who is a produce dealer.

Emma M., the widow of Lewis Buckingham, of Cincinnati.

Howard C., a retired farmer of Newtown, Ohio.

John G. Ragland resided near Newtown, Ohio, until he was twenty-six years of age, and there received his education and early business training, along agricultural lines. On February 16, 1880, occurred his marriage to Miss Susan M. Turner, a daughter of the late Daniel Turner, and a sister of Ben Turner, of the vicinity of Perintown. Mrs. Ragland was born near Perintown, and was reared there. In Mr. and Mrs. Ragland's family are three daughters and one son:

Edwin Orville, a farmer of Union township, who married Miss Catherine Davis, and they have two children—George Orville and Minnie Hazel.

Susan Jane, is the wife of Clarence High, of Cincinnati. Mr. High is in the grocery business.

Misses Clifford Lorena and Florence M. are at home.

Mr. Ragland has made many noticeable improvements in the home farm, putting up new buildings and remodeling others until the farm has an air of prosperity and thrift that is a compliment to the enterprising management of its owner.

In political views, our subject is a Democrat, and has served an unexpired term as township trustee.

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### DR. LEVI M. ROGERS.

No biographical review of Clermont county would be complete without mention of the life record of Dr. Levi M. Rogers, deceased, who for many years was prominent in the medical fraternity of New Richmond, Ohio, and the surrounding country, and Cincinnati, where for more than twenty years he practiced in his profession. He was also prominent in military circles, having been a captain of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, in the one hundred day service in the Civil war. He was of a family of physicians, his father and grandfather having been distinguished physicians and surgeons.

Dr. Rogers was a son of Dr. John George and Julia (Morris) Rogers, his mother being a daughter of Thomas Morris, who for twenty-four consecutive years was a member of the legislature and senate of Ohio from December, 1806, to 1830.





His residence was at Bethel, Ohio. Mrs. Rogers was an accomplished lady of much intellectuality. The father was one of the most noted physicians of Clermont county in his day, and was a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred at Camden, April 29, 1797.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Dr. Levi Rogers, was a native of Maryland, and in early life was an itinerant Methodist minister, who soon after his marriage to Anna George, only daughter of John and Sarah George, relinquished the itineracy and studied medicine, attending lectures at Jefferson College, in Philadelphia, under Professors Shippen, Rush, Wise, Wistar, Barton and other eminent men. He became a surgeon in the Nineteenth regiment in the War of 1812.

The maternal grandfather of Dr. John George Rogers, the father of this mention, was first a private in the First battalion, second establishment in the State of New Jersey, and was sergeant in the same battalion from January 1, 1780, in Capt. Aaron Ogdon's company, First regiment.

Dr. Levi M. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ebersole, October 15, 1851, at her father's home at Oakley, Hamilton county, Ohio. She was born at the mouth of the Little Miami river, Cincinnati, a daughter of Christian and Theodosia (Webb) Ebersole, the latter of whom was born at Newtown, Ohio, near Cincinnati, she being a daughter of Gen. Clayton Webb, who served two terms in the Ohio Senate, also prominent during the War of 1812. His wife was a daughter of Bethnell Riggs, who served during the War of the Revolution.

To the union of Dr. Levi M. Rogers and wife were born ten children, of whom four are now living:

Lida H. is Mrs. Cassius M. Fisher, of Cincinnati, her marriage having taken place December 18, 1883. Mr. Fisher was previously married on October 25, 1877, to Julia Ann Rogers, who died December 12, 1882, leaving one son, Willis W., assistant city engineer at the new Cincinnati Water Works. His birth occurred February 7, 1879. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Daughters of 1812, the Daughters of Veterans, and of the National Red Cross, besides being prominent in other clubs of her home city. She is a devoted member of the Knox Presbyterian Church of Hyde Park.

Charles E., a resident of Cincinnati.

John George, of Brown county, Ohio.

Levi M., a resident of Milford, where he conducts a wholesale confectionary business.



Dr. Levi M. Rogers attained a high rank in his profession and although he was but in his fiftieth year of life when the grim hand of death ended his successful career his fame as a physician and surgeon was far reaching. The memory of his good deeds and upright conduct will ever live in the hearts of his children and the large circle of friends.

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### HOWARD C. BARROW.

Mr. Howard C. Barrow, who is conducting a prosperous grocery store at Milford, Ohio, is one of the progressive business men of that place who were born in Clermont county, his birth occurring in Union township, September 18, 1878, on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barrow, resident farmers of Union township.

Mr. Barrow is one of eight children, the others being:

Benjamin and Eva, deceased.

Lyman, who is operating the home farm.

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, of Norwood, Ohio.

Mrs. R. E. Hicks, of Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. Fred Donley, of Norwood, Ohio.

Miss Dolly, who is at home.

The boyhood days of Mr. Barrow were spent on the farm, attending school and assisting his father in the duties of farm life, until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He began his career in the business world as a clerk in a large grocery store in Cincinnati, occupying this position four years. In 1904, he engaged with the H. J. Heinz company, of Pittsburgh, as traveling salesman, continuing with this company until he purchased his present business, July 19, 1909. He succeeds Mr. George Randell, and he has a first class store, handling groceries, fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Barrow was joined in wedlock to Miss Blanche Vogt, of Summerside, who is a daughter of John and Fannie (Dolt) Vogt, the latter a native of Clermont county. The Vogt family is of German descent, and are residents of Union township. Mrs. Barrow is a graduate of the Mt. Carmel High School. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Barrow have been born two children:

Clarence, died in infancy.

Aquilla was born January 12, 1911.





Politically, our subject gives his support to the Democratic party, and was elected to the city council in January, 1912. He is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge, No. 54, Chapter No. 35, of Milford, also being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having become a member at Lexington, Ky., which was his headquarters for a short period. Mrs. Barrow is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, of Milford.

While Mr. Barrow is of the younger men of the county, he displays keen discernment in business transactions, sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise, which promises success in his undertakings.

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### LEVI M. ROGERS.

Mr. Levi M. Rogers, who is conducting a confectionery business in Milford in accordance with the progressive ideas of the modern commercial world, where he is numbered among the foremost because of his unremitting diligence and his employment of methods that neither seek nor require disguise, is meeting with well merited success. Besides the business in Milford, Mr. Rogers makes trips over a large section of Clermont county, handling a wholesale trade. He was the choice of the people in 1913 for county treasurer. He resides on Cleveland avenue, his home for the past twenty years.

Levi M. Rogers was born in the east end of Cincinnati, on the 26th of November, 1870, and is a son of Dr. Levi M. and Anna (Ebersole) Rogers, of whom mention is made elsewhere on these pages. Mr. Levi M. Rogers was reared in Goshen township, Clermont county, where he received his education, remaining until his twenty-second year, when he removed to Milford, which has since been his home.

The marriage of Mr. Rogers to Miss Jennie Mullen was celebrated in Cincinnati in 1895. Her parents were John A. and Louisa (Kincaid) Mullen, the former of whom was a contractor and builder, who was born in 1841 and passed away in February, 1896. His widow is now residing at Milford and is seventy-one years of age, her birth having taken place in 1841. Mrs. Rogers's maternal grandmother lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, while her husband lived to the age of ninety-eight. Mrs. R. T. Ashurst, of Georgetown, Ky., and Mrs. John H. Stephens, of Milford, Ohio, are sisters of Mrs. Rogers.





Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are the parents of six children, and the family circle remains unbroken. They are as follows:

Louise M., was born in 1897.

Mildred L., whose birth occurred in 1899.

Harold L., was born in 1901.

Anna Catherine was born in 1903.

Kenneth G., was born in 1906.

Wilbur A., was born in 1908.

Mr. Rogers has ever voted in support of men who are pledged to uphold Republican principles. He is deeply interested in all affairs that affect his townsmen and has served as land appraiser and as a member of the board of public affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the United Commercial Travelers' Association. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Methodist church, of which denomination her paternal grandfather was a minister, in Indiana. They are people who are highly esteemed in the community in which they have lived for so many years, having made a large circle of warm friends. At the election of November 5, 1912, Mr. Rogers was elected treasurer of Clermont county, being one of three Republicans who were elected in the county.

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### AMOS HIRAM TUDOR.

Mr. Amos H. Tudor, one of the residents of Milford, Ohio, whose business is in Cincinnati, is in the office of the superintendent of the Fifth division, railway mail service, the office being in the government building at Cincinnati. Mr. Tudor has been in the railway mail service for the past thirty years, a major portion of the time on the road. His birth occurred at Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 4, 1847, his parents being William and Philena (Griswold) Tudor.

William Tudor was born at Delaware, Ohio, but as a child removed with the family to Ashtabula county, where they resided until 1855. He was a merchant of Windsor, and also a manufacturer of cheese in large quantities in connection with the buying and selling of farm produce as well as honey. He was reared by Mr. Lathrop Rawdon, an extensive merchant, who taught all of the details of the business to the young man as he grew up. Later, when Mr. Rawdon moved to Cov-



ington, Ky., Mr. Tudor continued in the mercantile business alone. Mr. William Tudor located at Union Corners, Clermont county, Ohio, between Mt. Repose and Branch Hill, and there engaged in peach culture. Shortly after the beginning of this business, Mr. Rawdon again joined him and they purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, on which they planted ten thousand peach trees, and he was thus associated with Mr. Rawdon until the death of the latter gentleman. The business established at that time was continued for years, raising immense crops of peaches during the war times of 1861-65. In later years, Mr. Tudor became crippled, which impaired his activity. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. The father of William died early in life and his mother later became Mrs. Evans, of New Brighton, where she died at an advanced age.

Amos Hiram Tudor is one of five children, of whom one older than he died in infancy.

Frank, married Miss McClellan, and passed away at the age of fifty-five years, his wife having left this life some years prior. He was a resident of California and left two sons and two daughters.

Lewis, married a daughter of Albert Queal, and died at the age of fifty years, at Boulder, Colo.

Ezra, died in 1911, at the old home.

Philena (Griswold) Tudor, the mother of the subject of this mention, was born at Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, about 1825, and was a daughter of Erastus and ——— (Bugby) Griswold. The former was a successful farmer and business man. Philena (Griswold) Tudor passed peacefully away at the old home near Mt. Repose, at the age of seventy-two years, about ten years after the death of her husband.

Amos Tudor was reared and educated in Miami township, and completed a business course at Lebanon, Ohio, and entered upon the agricultural business until the call for aid from the country in 1861. He enlisted in May, 1864, when about sixteen years of age, in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, and in September, 1864, joined the Fifty-sixth regiment, Company D, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until his discharge, in July, 1865, at New Orleans, serving fourteen months in the war without receiving a scratch.

The marriage of Mr. Tudor to Miss Maria Wainwright Megrue, took place in 1868, in the beautiful home overlooking the town of Milford, which later became the home of Governor





Pattison. Her father, William Megrue, passed away in this same peaceful home. Mrs. Tudor is one of ten children, of whom six reached maturity, five sisters and one brother, M. N. Megrue, who was warden of the State penitentiary of Colorado for several years, and was president of the board of managers of the Colorado State Industrial School at the time of his decease. He was a prominent man of affairs, and was commissioner of Pueblo county. He, with his father, William Megrue, helping to organize the First National Bank of Batavia, later organizing the First National Bank of Piqua, Ohio. He secured large farming interests near Buckley, Illinois, which he sold out later and removed to Colorado. He was one of the contractors building the Denver & Rio Grande railroad and started the first overland freight train to Leadville. He owned a large ranch twelve miles from Pueblo, Colo., where his death occurred. The sisters who are living are:

Mrs. Melvina Porter, the widow of Thomas Porter, and resides at Boulder, Colorado, though she owns a home at New Antioch, Ohio.

Mrs. Amanda Barber, who is the widow of Robert Perry Barber, only son of Emley Barber, a pioneer resident and successful farmer of Clermont county.

Mrs. Melissa Harris, the wife of H. H. Harris, of Champaign, Ill., where he is a wealthy farmer and president of the First National Bank of that place.

Mrs. Ella Young, a widow, residing at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Tudor are the parents of three sons and three daughters:

Ella, who is the wife of Harry B. McClure, of Boulder, Colo., where he is manager for the Gas & Electric Company, of that city. They have one son, George Tubor McClure.

William McGrue, of San Francisco, is an expert accountant and is a member of the Expert Accountant's Association. He married Miss Babcock, of Colorado, who died in 1910, leaving two sons and two daughters, Dorothy, Mary, William, Jr., and Dwight. They resided at Denver until recently, when they removed to San Francisco.

Elbert E., of Oakland, Cal., is in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company. He married Miss Grace Glascock, of Milford.

Ezra A., of Portland, Ore., is a general contractor of the firm of E. A. Tudor & Company. He married Miss Ida Gilli-



gan, a Colorado lady, and they have a son and a daughter—Ralph and Barbara.

Anne married Joseph Enigher, of Milford, Ohio.

Miss Melissa, at home.

Mr. Tudor is a Republican, and for years was very active in political affairs. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being commander of the S. R. S. West Post, No. 544, of Milford. Mr. and Mrs. Tudor are members of the Methodist church.

In business life, Mr. Tudor has held to high ideals, recognizing that every business should be a source of service to the public as well as personal profit. He has never been too occupied with personal interests to perform the duty which each man owes to his fellow men, and with a sense of conscientious obligation, has done all in his power to ease the life burden of his fellowmen.

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### JEREMIAH PRICE.

Mr. Jeremiah Price, a resident of Milford, Ohio, since 1907, has been an active factor in agricultural circles of Clermont county for many years, his birth occurring in Miami township, this county, opposite Camp Dennison, November 17, 1835, his parents being Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Wiggins) Price.

Jeremiah Sr., was born in Virginia in 1790, and when ten years of age accompanied his father, Daniel Price, to Hamilton county, settling where Camp Dennison now is in 1800, then locally called Germany, on account of so many Germans living there, where Daniel Price conducted a tannery until his death. The Price family are of German descent. Jeremiah Price, the father, followed farming successfully until his demise in 1870, at the age of eighty years. He was an active Methodist, being a licensed local preacher, and was widely and favorably known all over this section of the country.

Elizabeth (Wiggins) Price was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1794, and came with her parents to Terrace Park, Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1797. Her people were prominent in the Methodist church in the early days and were accompanied from Pennsylvania to Ohio by several families, who were natives of Pennsylvania. She died in 1887, after an active life in church work.

To the union of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Price twelve chil-





dren were born, all of whom grew to maturity. One sister, Rachel, who became Mrs. Gebhart, of Middletown, Ohio, and our subject are the only ones who are still living. A brother, John, was a soldier in the Civil war, and died soon after his return from the war.

Jeremiah Price, the subject of this mention, received the usual educational advantages of those days and has followed the occupation of farming all of his active life. He remained with his parents on the home farm until their lives ended, giving them the very best care and attention.

In 1860, in Clermont county, Mr. Price became united in wedlock to Miss Louisa Fitzwater, who was born and reared in Miami township, and is a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Mitchell) Fitzwater, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey, his birth taking place September 12, 1793. When he was eight years of age his parents came to Ohio, locating first near Camp Dennison, but later settled in Miami township, where they entered upon the occupation of farming. His father's name was Thomas also, and was one of four brothers who came from New Jersey and settled in this vicinity, his wife being a native of Scotland, who was Louise Beulah Halstead.

Anna (Mitchell) Fitzwater was born in 1802 in Pennsylvania, and when two years old came with her parents, James and Ruth (Leming) Mitchell, to Clermont county. She passed from this life in June, 1872. This couple raised seven children to maturity, and one to the age of twelve years.

Mrs. Price was reared and educated in Miami township, and is the mother of two children:

William P., who was born April 25, 1861, died December 2, 1901. He married Miss Alma Smizer, of Miami township, who is a daughter of Henry Parker. They had three children: Nellie L., became the wife of Charles Mueller; Edwin, at home, and Louisa, at home.

Elnora, is the widow of Charles Shaw, a farmer of Miami township, where she now resides. She has had three children: Charles Samuel, was born in 1897; Milton, died at the age of six years, and Lenora, died at two years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Price are consistent members of the Methodist church, of which they are active workers. Mr. Price is of the Republican persuasion, although he is not strictly partisan.

In 1906, Mr. Price sold the home farm and purchased the





beautiful home in Milford, which they now occupy. While he is retired from active life he still takes an interest in all the affairs of the town and vicinity. He has a large circle of friends, who have known him for many years, and give to him the honor and respect which he so well deserves.

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### GEORGE HICKEY.

George Hickey, one of the leading liverymen of Clermont county, Ohio, having a fine stable and equipment at Milford, Ohio, in connection with the sales business, has been engaged in this business since 1877. He was born at Cincinnati, December 16, 1850, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Welch) Hickey.

John Hickey was born in Switzerland, at Condore Baron, and came to America as a young man, finally settling at Cincinnati, where he established a shoe business on Pearl street, being a shoemaker by trade. Tiring of this business he conducted a saloon at the East End Garden for about two years, after which he started the first saloon in Linwood, called the "Cross Key" or "Butchers' Headquarters." He continued here for several years, and then conducted a hotel and bar for one year at Plainville, Ohio. In Columbus he had charge of a saloon on High street and three months before his death, he ran a hotel and bar at Rannelsburg.

Elizabeth Welch was born in Baden, Germany, and came to America at the age of thirteen years. She had nine brothers, of whom Andrew settled at Pleasant Ridge, in the first years of their residence in America. Andrew was a carpenter of that place for fifty years. He was also a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio. Mrs. Hickey died in 1901, at Milford, at the age of eighty-two years. She was a Presbyterian in religious faith.

George Hickey is one of five children:

Hattie, died in young womanhood.

Laura, married John Simoaton, and her death occurred at Milford, leaving two daughters.

Eva, married Gus Norz, of Milford.

Carrie, died as a young woman.

George Hickey came to Milford at the outbreak of the Civil war, being a resident for over fifty years. He attended



the common schools and for twenty-eight years was engaged as a carrier of the mail, between Milford and Blanchester, by the way of Newtonville. He carried the first mail to Perintown from Milford, to the Norfolk & Western railway. He embarked in the livery business in 1877, with practically no capital, but in a small way began the business which has grown to large proportions. He keeps about fifteen head of horses all the time and employs seven men. He has all the necessary equipments for the handling of large funerals, and in addition buys and sells fine driving horses.

Mr. Hickey was united in marriage in 1884 to Miss Pauline Van Neally, who was born at Newtonville, Clermont county, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Neally. Mrs. Hickey has two sisters and one brother living. Mrs. Mollie Clemons and Mrs. John Collins, of Wayne township, this county. Charles Van Neally was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickey have three children:

Ross and John, of the undertaking firm of Hickey Brothers, of Milford. This business was established in the spring of 1912, and is doing a good business for so young an enterprise.

Eva, at home.

Mr. Hickey is always a Democrat, although he is liberal in his views. In religious matters, he favors the faith of the Presbyterian church, having been reared in that church. He is liberal in the support of this denomination. The family residence is on Mound street, and is one of comfortable proportions.

The success of Mr. Hickey is due to the careful and close attention to all of the details of the business, taking advantage of the opportunities that present themselves to him.

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### ANDREW BALZHISER.

Germany has furnished to the United States many valued citizens, who have crossed the broad ocean to seek their fortune in the "Land of Great Opportunity" and to this class belongs Mr. Andrew Balzhiser, the genial and energetic proprietor of one of the leading general grocery stores of Milford, Ohio, where for the past twenty years he has served his townspeople with first class provisions.

Mr. Balzhiser was born near the City of Worms, in Hessen





Darmstadt, Germany, January 15, 1844, his parents being Jacob and Catherine (Clauder) Balzhiser, who brought their family to America in 1854, locating first at Cincinnati, and later engaged in farming in Warren county, Ohio. In 1857, they removed to a farm in Hamilton county, Ohio, remaining there until 1860, when they came to Clermont county, where they purchased a farm in Stonelick township, near Boston. The parents remained at this place until their deaths, the mother passing away in 1884, in the seventy-eighth year of her age, and the father in 1887, in his eighty-eighth year. In politics, Jacob was a Republican, and in religion the family were all members of the Lutheran church, in which they were active workers.

Andrew Balzhiser attended school in Germany to the age of ten years, after which he attended the schools of Ohio and worked on his father's farm, as a boy and youth. He enlisted in Company G, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, at Boston, Clermont county, August 12, 1862. He served in the "Army of the Cumberland," Fourteen corps, under General "Pap" Thomas, participating in all the engagements with his regiment, but was so fortunate as never to receive a scratch. He was in the engagement at Chickamauga, went into battle with one thousand men and came out one of two hundred and twenty-five. He was with General Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea," during the winter of 1864-65, and participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C. His discharge papers were made out and he was mustered out at Camp Dennison, June, 1865. During the three years of service in the army, he was never ill one day, and was never wounded.

Returning to Clermont county after the war, Mr. Balzhiser engaged in the huckster business, securing produce from Clinton county and marketing at Cincinnati. He continued this business for twenty-one years, and since then has engaged independently in the grocery business at his present stand.

The marriage of Mr. Balzhiser to Miss Harriet Brunare, occurred at Milford, Ohio, in 1871, she having been born at New Orleans. Her father died when she was an infant, and her mother came to the home of the latter's father, Jacob Olige, an early resident farmer of Stonelick township.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Balzhiser has been blessed with eight children, and the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death. They are as follows:



Catherine, became the wife of Rev. Herbert Shaw, of the Methodist church, and now lives in Michigan. They are the parents of two children.

Miss Harriet is a trained nurse of Lexington, Ky.

Miss Elizabeth, is a trained nurse of New York City.

Fanette, is Mrs. William Monahan, of Cincinnati.

Miss Ella, is at home with her parents.

Miss Jessie, is engaged as bookkeeper with the Gidding Company, of Cincinnati.

Andrew J., who married Miss Jennie Arnold, is associated with his father in the store.

Miss Charlotte, at home.

Mr. Balzhiser owns a comfortable home in South Milford, and has built another home in town, which he rents. He favors the principles of the Republican party, and is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, No. 64, Grand Army of the Republic, of Milford. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Balzhiser has many sterling traits of character, which have awakened the esteem of the community in which he has made his home for so many years. He is a busy man, whose life is one of activity and usefulness, and his endeavors have been crowned with a gratifying success.

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### COL. JONATHAN S. DONHAM.

Col. Jonathan S. Donham, deceased, was the father of Robert W. Donham, retired farmer, of New Richmond, and the grandfather of Mrs. T. P. White, of the same place.

The Donham family is of Spanish descent, the original name being "Don Singleton." Toward the end of the Sixteenth century, one of the ancestors became noted as an active Liberal or Rebel, and was arrested, tried and banished. After his sentence he escaped and fled to Scotland, there assuming the name, "Don Ham," later corrupted to Donham. A son or a grandson of his immigrated to America and settled in what is now New Jersey, was twice married and reared several sons and daughters. One of these sons, Nathaniel, the father of Jonathan S., in 1794 moved from Pennsylvania down the Ohio river, settling at the mouth of the Miami river. About 1800, he moved into Clermont county and located on Ten Mile creek,





in what is now Pierce township, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Jonathan S. Donham was the youngest child of Nathaniel and the latter's second wife, and located on Twelve Mile creek, Ohio township. He had an inclination for trading in live stock and in this line was very successful, eventually securing several hundred acres of land, on which he raised fine stock and gaining a reputation for importing in southern Clermont blooded horses, cattle and hogs. His first wife, was Hiley Ross, who left no children. He married Miss Elizabeth Ayers, of New Jersey, on April 19, 1818, and they reared eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, of whom one is now living, Robert W. Donham, of New Richmond.

Colonel Donham was an officer in the War of 1812 and was present at the siege of Fort Meigs, now Fremont, Ohio. In after years, he was a general of militia, and was one of the best farmers and stockmen of Clermont county. He was a man of fine personal and social habits, who lived to an advanced age. There are many descendants of this fine pioneer family of Clermont county, who are numbered among the representative citizens.

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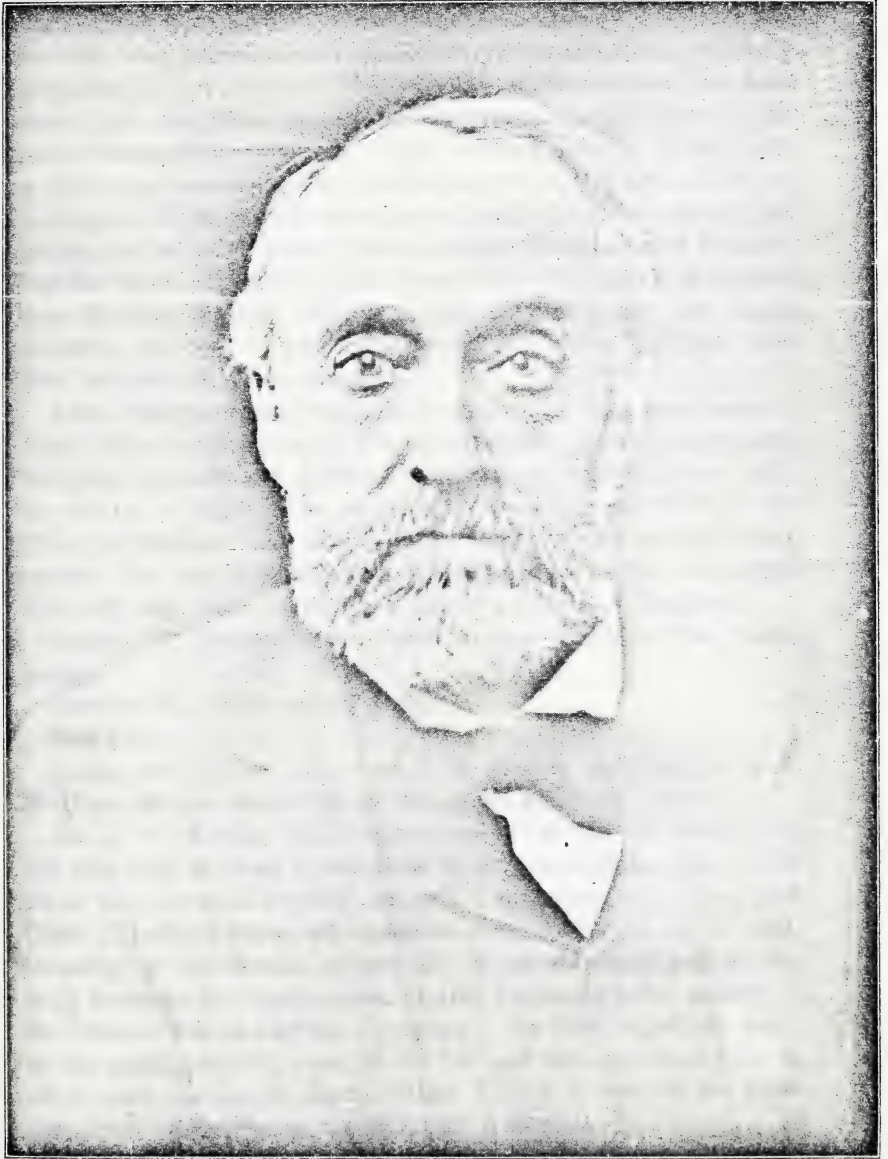
### JOSEPH W. EMERY.

Mr. Joseph W. Emery is the owner and operator of a splendidly improved farm of twenty-seven and one-half acres in Miami township, just outside of Loveland, Ohio, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. His present home was started by his father in 1859 and was completed during the Civil war. It has been improved and added to from time to time and is now a beautiful home surrounded by fine trees, many of them the natural timber. Some pine trees have been set out which adds to the beauty of the place. Joseph W. Emery was born in Indiana, at Knightstown, December 9, 1847, and is a son of Capt. Andrew Barton and Julia Ann (Weller) Emery.

Andrew Barton Emery was born at the old homestead of his father, John Emery, which is situated just across the road from the home of the subject of this mention. At the time of the Civil war, in answer to the country's need, Andrew Barton Emery organized one company of infantry, and the First Ohio cavalry, mainly from Clermont county, being first lieutenant







J. W. EMERY  
Loveland, Ohio



in the infantry, but as the quota of seventy-five thousand was full, did not go out. Later, he organized Company G, First Ohio cavalry, which he took out as captain. For five months prior to his death, he was acting major, commanding Companies A, G, and B, of the First Ohio cavalry, and his commission was made out but not delivered when he was mortally wounded at the Battle of Russellville, Alabama, and five days later, July 10, 1862, passed to the great beyond, there to receive the soldier's reward. Capt. Andrew Barton Emery was a physician and surgeon, graduating from the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, in the class of 1846. He was a practicing physician for over twenty years beside securing and improving his farm. His wife, Julia Ann (Weller) Emery, was born near Simms Station, Hamilton county, Ohio, and her death occurred in 1901. Andrew Emery had three brothers and four sisters, all now deceased.

John Emery, the grandfather of Joseph W., was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county as a young man, bringing his wife and children overland and residing here until his death, in 1856. He was county judge, a member of the Ohio legislature, and was a large land owner, raising fancy stock. He was a prominent man and was highly esteemed. His wife was Miss Deborah Waters, a native of England.

Joseph W. Emery is the eldest of four children, the others being:

Charles R., of Seymour, Ind.

Randolph.

Clara, who is the widow of R. B. Brock, and had one son, William Bruce, who died at the age of nineteen years.

Mr. J. W. Emery has always resided at the old home and his marriage to Miss Evangeline Rose occurred in 1880. Miss Rose was born in Dublin, Ireland, a daughter of Arthur and Clara (Lindley) Rose, who came to America in the fall of 1864, locating at Cincinnati, where Mr. Rose was engaged in the drug business for many years. Later, he became the cashier of the United States Baking Company. He died, April 28, 1911, in the eighty-second year of his life and his wife died July 7, 1893, aged sixty-four years. Mrs. Emery is one of six children, the others being residents of Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery have had nine children:

Mima L. married Dan Myers, of Carthage, Ohio, and her death took place February 28, 1910.

Barton died at the age of twenty-two months.





Julia A., wife of Cecil Irvin, of Cincinnati, who has one daughter, Beatrice.

Edna became the wife of Don English, residing near Loveland. They have one son, Edwin.

Andrew, at home.

Erma, wife of Dr. W. D. Howe, prominent surgeon of Carlisle, Ky.

Arthur died at eight years of age.

Evangeline, at home.

Clara Barton, at home.

Politically, Mr. Emery is of the Republican persuasion, and has acted in the capacity of assessor of the township. Mrs. Emery is a member of the Eastern Star of Loveland. The Masonic lodge, of Loveland, is named for John Emery, and the G. A. R. Post is named for Capt. Andrew Barton Emery.

Mr. Emery is warm-hearted and of inflexible integrity, possessing in the fullest degree the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and with all with whom he is associated in business.

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### JACOB BALZHISER.

Mr. Jacob Balzhiser, who is engaged in the real estate business at Milford, Ohio, is a representative of a family of German lineage, who for the past fifty-two years has been well and favorably known in Clermont county, Ohio.

Jacob Balzhiser was born on the River Rhine, near the City of Worms, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, March 19, 1846, and is one of eight children born to Jacob and Catherine (Clauder) Balzhiser, whose life record is mentioned on another page of these volumes. Those of the family who are living are as follows:

Catherine, who is eighty-five years of age, is residing at Norwood, Ohio, and is the widow of George Veidt, a Warren county, Ohio, farmer.

Henry, who is a farmer of Stonelick township, lives near Owensville, this county.

Andrew, a grocer of Milford.

Jacob, of this mention.

William, a retired liquor dealer of Dayton, Ohio.

Those of the family who are deceased are as follows:

John, who was a twin brother of Andrew, was a butcher of



Hamilton county, Ohio. His demise occurred some three years since.

Margaret, who became the wife of August Helms, passed away in 1908, her husband having died in 1906.

Anthony, who was a butcher by business, died in 1904 at Milford.

Jacob Balzhiser was reared on the farm of his father and acquired a good common school education and followed the occupation of farming until 1887, when he removed to Milford, where he has since resided. For sixteen years he was engaged in the coal business, but in later years has conducted a real estate business, handling town, suburban and country property, and in this line of business he has met with splendid success.

In the year of 1872, Mr. Balzhiser married Miss Maggie Diebold, a native of Warren county. She died in 1876, leaving three children:

George, became a florist, and resides at Chicago. He married Miss Anna Kruse, and they have one son, George K.

Frank, a resident of Milford, is a bookkeeper at Cincinnati. He married Miss Alice Brower and they are the parents of three children—Roger, Earl, and Margaret.

Catherine, who is Mrs. William Sickenger, of Milford, and to this union has been born one daughter, Ruth.

The second marriage of Mr. Jacob Balzhiser was celebrated in 1882, to Miss Anna Grimm, of Newport, Ky., a daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Hildabold) Grimm. The former was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the Ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, having been a prisoner of Libby prison for some time. His death occurred in 1867, and his wife passed away in 1909, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Mrs. Balzhiser is one of eight children:

George, is now living at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio. He was in the one hundred day service.

Those deceased are Louie, Theodore, John, Louise, Katherine, and Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Balzhiser have four children:

Charles, is a locomotive engineer by business, and is a resident of Lewiston, Mont. He married Miss Esther Slatter.

Albert, is a telegraph operator for the Western Union Company, at Spokane, Wash.

Minnie, is the wife of Gatch Runyan, who is in the employ of the Baldwin Piano Company, at Milford. They have one son, Russell.





Harry, of Elliston, Mont., is an operator for the Union Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. Balzhiser gives his allegiance to the Republican party and was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mrs. Balzhiser is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Balzhiser takes an active interest in all worthy enterprises, and has won the high regard of all with whom he is associated in business and social circles as well.

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### JOHN A. BOYCE.

The subject of this sketch, John A. Boyce, a highly esteemed citizen of Milford, Ohio, has for the past eight years carried on a successful contracting and building business. He employs a large force of skilled mechanics and has erected many fine residences and churches in this vicinity. He was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1853, and is a son of Samuel and Agnes (Arnold) Boyce.

Samuel Boyce was a native of Belfast, Ireland, as was also his wife. He learned the trade of carpenter in Ireland, which he followed until his marriage to Miss Agnes Arnold, in 1840, when the young couple left their birthplace to come to America, locating first at New York, later at Pittsburgh, and finally at Cincinnati. After a time Samuel bought a farm near Milford, and gave his entire time to agricultural pursuits. In 1864, he sold the farm, buying another near Mt. Carmel, Ohio, which was his home until his death, in 1878. He was an active Republican, and was a charter member of the grange at Mt. Carmel, which was organized in his home. He was of the Universalist belief, being an active member.

Agnes (Arnold) Boyce was a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Houston) Arnold. Her father, Alexander, was a physician in the early part of his life, but did some farming in his later years. His father was one of four brothers who immigrated to Ireland from Scotland, owing to the persecution of the "Covenanters." They located in Northern Ireland, he in County Antrim, where he lived until his death.

Samuel and Agnes Boyce were the parents of three children:

Margaret, married William Crosset, of Cincinnati, who was





in the transfer business. He died in 1909, and she resides on the farm near Mt. Carmel.

Matilda, died on the home farm near Mt. Carmel in 1907.

John A., the subject of this review.

John A. Boyce was educated in the common schools and at the age of twenty years, he decided to learn the trade of contractor and builder, which, when completed, he followed for five years in Cincinnati. With this exception, Mr. Boyce has lived in Clermont county since 1864, and in addition to his business, resided on and operated the home farm near Mt. Carmel, until in 1904, when he took up his residence in Milford.

Mr. John Boyce was married in Cincinnati, in 1881, to Miss Emma Davis, who was born at Bristol, England, and who came with her parents, George and Eliza Davis, to Clinton county, Ohio, when she was five years of age. This was her home until her father died, after which the family moved to Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce have three daughters and one son—Alice, Howard, Agnes, and Margaret.

In political views, Mr. Boyce has voted the independent ticket for the past twenty years, and has always taken an active interest in all political affairs. He and Mrs. Boyce are members of the Grange of Mt. Carmel, and have been identified with this organization for thirty years. Mr. Boyce and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Boyce is well known in the county which has been his home for so many years, and is among the foremost because of his unremitting diligence and his employment of methods that require no disguise. He has made a business that is as creditable as it is honorable.

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### LUDWIG H. FREY.

Ludwig H. Frey, one of the prosperous farmers and large stock raisers of Clermont county, Ohio, owning and operating the Stephen Goble farm of ninety-three acres of well cultivated land northeast of New Richmond, was born in Ohio township, this county, June 13, 1862, and is a son of John Henry Ludwig and Elizabeth (Derachter) Frey, who were natives of Byron, Switzerland, the latter of whom was born in 1831, and died April 19, 1903.



John Henry Ludwig Frey was born July 24, 1831, and brought his family to America, arriving at New York on December 31, 1854, where they remained a short time. From here he went to Massillon, Ohio; spending but two years there, he went to Missouri. At the end of the following year he returned to Ohio, taking up his residence in Cincinnati, where he remained until 1860, at which time they settled in Ohio township, on a small farm they had secured. In August, 1862, J. H. L. Frey enlisted in Company G, Fiftieth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served nearly two years, contracting a disease, from which he died July 31, 1864. He had written a letter home on his birthday, which was the last the family received from him. He was the father of five children, three of whom died when young, and two grew to maturity, Adolph, who was a resident of Washington township, died in 1909 at the age of fifty years, and Ludwig H., the subject of this mention.

Ludwig H. Frey was reared and educated in Ohio township, where he has spent his life thus far, and in 1893 became united in marriage to Miss Lenna C. Goble, who was born in Ohio township January 21, 1862, and is a daughter of Stephen P. and Frances (Ashburn) Goble, the latter a daughter of Richard Ashburn and a sister of the late Judge Thomas Q. Ashburn, mention of whom is made in this work. Stephen P. Goble was born in 1831, and met his death in 1866, by a shot fired from the gun of a trespasser. Frances (Ashburn) Goble was married the second time to William Lillick, and died in 1888, in her fifty-third year.

Mrs. L. H. Frey is one of three children:

Richard, died in his twenty-fourth year.

Miss Bessie Goble, of this county.

The farm which is now owned by Ludwig H. Frey was settled in 1832, by the grandfather of Mrs. Frey, Stephen Goble, who cleared and developed the farm, building first a substantial log house, later remodeling as it is today. Stephen Goble was a steam boat engineer, which occupation he followed until his retirement. He was born in 1804, on the 9th of March, at Bethel, and died in 1889, at his home one-half mile above New Richmond. He left Bethel at the age of fifteen years, and for forty years operated on the Ohio river, between Pittsburgh and New Orleans. In later years, he was a stockholder and treasurer of the Batavia and New Richmond Turnpike Company. His first wife was Elizabeth Brown, and to their union





were born seven children, one of whom was Stephen P., the father of Mrs. Frey. He married a second time a sister of his first wife, Alice Brown, who was born in Clermont county, January 17, 1819, and died in 1879. To this union were born five daughters and one son. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Frey was William Goble, who was a son of a Revolutionary soldier, and was the only one of his family to locate in Clermont county, Ohio. Mrs. Frey's grandmother and her sister were daughters of Rev. George Brown, who was a prominent Methodist minister, and was also one of the early mill owners of Washington township. He became a large land owner, and was one of the substantial men of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frey are the parents of three children, all of whom have been born at the present home. They are—Harold C., Marguerite, and Dorothy E.

Mr. Frey is an active member of the Republican party, although not an office seeker. He holds membership with the Sons of Veterans, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church, of which his parents were active members, but attends the Methodist church, Mrs. Frey being a member of that denomination.

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### CAPT. WILLIAM P. FLANEGAN.

Capt. William P. Flanagan is numbered among the successful men of Clermont county, Ohio, who were born and bred upon the farm and who have won the deserved prominence they now enjoy through their own energy and steadfastness of purpose. He is a progressive farmer and stockman, residing in the home of his father and grandfather, the latter, John Flanagan, being a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, who came to America with his wife, Jane (Anderson) Flanagan, in 1800. They resided for a time in Pennsylvania, along the Monongahela river, and later floated down the Ohio river by flat boat to this section.

John and Jane Flanagan settled on a tract of land which is still in the family, and was the first small purchase of "Military Land" here that has remained in the same family to the present time. The title was received in 1812, some six years after the location and purchase was made. John Flanagan died in middle life about 1816, leaving beside his wife, one son and four daughters. Jane (Anderson) Flanagan was a



native of Scotland, and was an active Presbyterian lady. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years, her demise occurring in 1858. To this union were born three sons and four daughters, of whom two sons died in their youth. The daughters grew to maturity, married, and lived to advanced ages.

James Flanagan, the father of our subject, William P. Flanagan, was born in Monroe township in 1801 and passed away in November, 1843. He followed the occupation of farming and stock raising all of his life on this same farm. He was a stalwart Jackson Democrat, and was a man highly esteemed in the community. In 1840, James married, in Clermont county, near Moscow, Miss Mary Garrett, who was born in 1810 and died in 1890, aged eighty years. She was a daughter of John Garrett and wife, the former of whom was an uncle of Cyrus Garrett, a successful business man of Cincinnati, and a brother-in-law of Thomas Buchanan Read, the author of "Drifting" and "Sheridan's Ride." The latter famous poem was written at Mr. Garrett's home in Cincinnati, between Walnut and Vine streets, on Eighth street, in 1864. James Flanagan was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

Capt. William P. Flanagan had one brother, John, who was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting first in Company B, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, later enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third and Sixty-fourth regiments. He was engaged in the battles of Shiloh and many others, including Mill Springs, Nashville and Franklin. His death took place in 1884, in the forty-second year of his age, leaving a family of four children, beside his wife, Nannie (Chapman) Flanagan.

The subject of this mention, Capt. William P. Flanagan, was born in his present home, February 3, 1841, and was reared and educated in the schools of the county, also attending the Clermont Academy, where he was secretary of the lyceum. He spent his youth on the farm and began his business life on the Ohio river, handling corn, tan bark and cord wood. During the thirty years he was engaged in this business he averaged shipping sixty thousand bushels of corn and two thousand cords of wood per year. He was the pioneer shipper of lime stone for building purposes, from his farm to Cincinnati, operating a large quarry on his farm and shipping by flat boat.

Of later years, Captain Flanagan has devoted more of his





attention to general farming, in addition to which he takes contracts with the war department to furnish supplies to the military posts at Columbus, Indianapolis and Fort Thomas.

Captain Flanagan takes an active part in politics, and is an independent Republican, having been a candidate for county commissioner and township trustee, although he does not seek these offices, being prevailed upon by his friends to run for them.

The marriage of Capt. William P. Flanagan to Miss Laura Archard took place in this county in 1865. Mrs. Flanagan is a daughter of James and Jane (Warren) Archard, and a sister of the late Mrs. E. A. Conner, who was a literary woman, and was one of the editors of the "Cincinnati Commercial." She made a trip around the world, including Alaska, Honolulu and Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan are the parents of four children, who are:

William A., who graduated from the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and is a lawyer of Chicago. He is married and has three children.

Mary, married J. W. Scribner, of near Spokane, Wash. They have five children.

Jennie married Grant Harris, a lawyer of St. Paul, Minn. They have four sons and one daughter.

Laura, married J. K. Day, of near Hamlet, Clermont county. There are six children in this family.

Mr. Flanagan takes a great interest in the farmers' institute, and has presented several instructive papers before the institute. He has also been a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for many years.

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### FREDERICK W. FRIDMAN.

Frederick W. Fridman is numbered among the progressive and successful business men of Clermont county, Ohio, whose diligence constitutes the force that has brought to him his present enviable position in commercial circles, and is thus living up to the standard which the men of this family have always maintained.

The subject of this mention was born at the family home near the Ohio river, October 11, 1876, and there grew to young manhood. He pursued his education in the public





schools, after which he became a student at Parker's Academy, this county. He then attended Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, later entering the Wesleyan University, where he spent one term.

The business career of Mr. F. W. Fridman began in 1896, when he became associated with his brothers in the lumber business, at New Richmond, Ohio, and for three years continued with this company. He afterward spent eight years with the Fridman Seating Company, residing in the meantime on the farm at Clermontville until the fall of 1906, when his present comfortable home at New Richmond was completed. Since May, 1912, Mr. Fridman has again been associated with the Fridman Lumber Company, as assistant-secretary and treasurer. He has also served as director of the First National Bank at New Richmond for the past two years. He is a member of the board of public works of the village of New Richmond.

Mr. Frederick W. Fridman was united in marriage to Miss Clara Bernice Moreton, May 24, 1899. She is a daughter of Isaac Moreton, who was a son of William and Mary (McNeill) Moreton, the latter of whom was a sister of the late Harbison McNeill, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes, and her death occurred March 6, 1884. Mrs. Fridman's father died in April, 1909, in his sixtieth year. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman are the parents of one son, Donald, who was born on January 11, 1901. He is attending school.

Politically, Mr. Fridman is a standard advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and although he is not an office seeker, he is interested in all public affairs of the day.

Socially, Mr. Fridman is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Masonic order, being past master of the Buckeye Lodge, No. 150. Religiously, both Mr. Fridman and his wife are devoted members of the Mt. Zion Christian church at Clermontville. Mr. Fridman is meeting with success in all of his undertakings and enjoys an unassailable reputation for reliability and enterprise.

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#### LEWIS L. FRIDMAN.

Lewis L. Fridman, well known in Clermont county, Ohio, where for sixty-five years he has been a resident, is one of a family who inherits an unusual amount of executive ability



and business sagacity from their father, Franklin Fridman, and by following his example have earned prosperity as well as universal respect and esteem of all in the community in which they live.

Lewis L. Fridman was born at Clermontville, Ohio, August 25, 1847, and was reared and has since resided in the neighborhood of the village of his birth. He received a good education and was associated with his brothers, Franklin M., George Henry, and Lincoln W., in the mercantile business at Clermontville until they sold out, in 1890, after which, having been reared to agricultural pursuits, he turned his attention to that line of industry.

The marriage of Lewis Fridman and Miss Emma R. Shaw was solemnized in Ohio township, April 20, 1871. She was born in Monroe township and was reared there, she being a daughter of Jonathan and Lina (Wyatt) Shaw. Her education was acquired at Parker's Academy. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fridman have been born the following children:

Rosamond, died in infancy.

Lina R., who was born September 5, 1873, is the wife of L. E. Rouse, of Cynthiana, Ky., a grocer of the firm of W. B. Rouse Grocery Company. They have two children, William Leonard and Anna Ruth.

Bertha, who was born September 28, 1875, is at home.

Bessie Pearl, born July 31, 1878, is Mrs. Philip A. Ireton, of Laurel. Mr. Ireton was formerly a merchant of Laurel, but is at present engaged in farming. They have two children, Harold and Elsie.

Edith Shaw, who was born April 7, 1885, is at home. She is a teacher in the Cincinnati schools. She has also taught several years at New Richmond, Ohio.

Mrs. Fridman's father, Jonathan Shaw, was born in 1824, in Ohio township, and passed away September 12, 1902. The mother, Lina (Wyatt) Shaw, was born March 22, 1830, and left this life December 17, 1886. They reared the following children:

Dr. William Shaw, now a resident of Idaho, was a teacher in this county for several years, where he owns some five hundred acres of land. He practiced a number of years at Cincinnati.

Mrs. L. L. Fridman, wife of the Mr. Fridman.

Mrs. Tillie Nichols, of Monroe township.

James E., of Fancy Prairie, Ill., is a farmer.





Mrs. Anna S. Houston died December 23, 1911. She was fifty-one years of age at the time of her death. George Houston is in the printing business at Cincinnati.

Laura, born April 17, 1857, died June 13, 1882.

Robert A., of Cincinnati, where for years he was in the grocery business, operating under the firm name of Robert A. Shaw Grocery Company. He is now with the street car company.

Etta, married C. W. Hartman, of Buffalo, N. Y. He has charge of the Indian reservation at Collins, N. Y.

Nora, who married Elmer M. Armacost, of Cincinnati, died February 27, 1896, in her twenty-eight year.

May, who is Mrs. Ernest Armacost, of Point Pleasant, was born April 4, 1872.

Mr. L. L. Fridman is a Democrat in politics and has served his party as township treasurer for two terms, and has been a member of the school board for several years. He and his family evidence their faith in Christianity by their membership in the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

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### FRANCIS A. McNEILL.

Francis A. McNeill, one of the leading and representative farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, who is living a retired life at Nicholasville, was born in Monroe township, this county, September 20, 1851, a son of Harbison and Susanna (Moreton) McNeill.

Harbison McNeill was born in Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1826, and died in 1890. He was one of thirteen children, four of whom are residents of Clermont county. His father, John McNeill, was a native of Ireland. He was a son of wealthy parents, but when a young boy was influenced by sailors to leave home and to take passage for America. He drifted to Clermont county and securing some land was very successful along the lines of general farming, raising hay, grain and general farm produce. He married Lovina Stairs, whose parents were from Pennsylvania and came to Clermont county in the early days. John McNeill died in 1856, leaving quite an accumulated property. Harbison McNeill spent all his life on the old home farm, one and one-half miles from Laurel. Susanna Moreton was a native of Clermont county, having been



born in 1832, and died August 31, 1909. She was a daughter of William Morton, and a half-sister of Mr. William L., known as "Zack" Moreton who lives near Clermontville. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist church.

Francis A. McNeill is the oldest of eight children, the others being:

Miss Emma D., at present residing with her brother, Francis A.

William, of Loveland, Ohio.

Miss Love, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Robert, is a professor of music, teaching in the schools of Hyde Park.

M. H., is farming the home farm.

Mrs. Libbie L. Simmons, of Laurel, Ohio.

Charles, died in 1890, leaving three children. He was a farmer, thresher and general mechanic.

Mr. Francis A. McNeill pursued his education in the schools of Clermont county, finishing at Parker's Academy. In youth he assisted his father on the farm, familiarizing himself in all the details of the agricultural business, which has since been his occupation.

Mr. McNeill was united in marriage to Miss Lora J. McMurchey, in 1879, she being a daughter of Archabald McMurchey, who was a native of Clermont county, and a successful blacksmith and carriage maker of Nicholasville. His death occurred in 1885. Mrs. McNeill passed away March 11, 1912, in the fifty-seventh year of her age. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church.

In political views, Mr. McNeill favors the Republican party and is a member of the Methodist church. His energy and industry have been rewarded by a measure of prosperity, and he is now enjoying the well earned rest from active labors.

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### T. P. WHITE and SON.

The business of Mr. T. P. White & Son, funeral directors and embalmers, of New Richmond, Ohio, is one of the best and most fully equipped in the State, and have branch offices at Forestville and also at Ross, Ky. They employ three funeral cars, eight rubber tired broughams, an ambulance,





flower wagon, and, in fact, everything that goes with an up-to-date business of this kind. The company is prepared to do carriage painting, trimming and repair work and are recognized as progressive, successful business men.

Mr. T. P. White established a carriage manufacturing business in 1865, conducting the business for many years most successfully, thus gaining an enviable reputation in the commercial world of this section.

T. P. White was born at Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, March 1, 1837, his parents being Forman and Mary (Rogers) White, the former a veteran of the War of 1812, and the latter a sister of the late Dr. John G. Rogers, a prominent physician of this county for many years. She was also an aunt of Mr. Frank White, of Batavia, Ohio, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

The early education of Mr. White was acquired in the schools of Clermont county at the same time assisting on the farm. He afterward learned the trade of carriage builder with his brother, Levi, a manufacturer at Bantam. He attended the first school of embalming at Cincinnati, which was the first school of its kind west of the New England States and still has the diploma received at that time. He served during the closing year of the Civil war in Company L, Ninth Ohio cavalry, and was many years an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post at New Richmond.

Mr. White was united in marriage to Flora, a daughter of Thomas L. and Evaline (Donham) Nichols, in 1865. The Nichols and Donham families were early and prominent representatives residents of Clermont county. Mr. and Mrs. White have the following children to bless their union:

Lew F., junior member of the firm of T. P. White & Son, who was born August 1, 1866, at New Richmond, and there received his early education, following which he attended the commercial college at Cincinnati. He then worked with his father for some years, becoming junior partner in 1901, and has since devoted his entire attention to the extensive business of the firm. From 1899 to 1900, Lew F. was an officer in the United States army transport service, on board the transport "Thomas," from the close of the Spanish-American war, in the Philippine insurrection. During his service, he twice circumnavigated the globe, spending nearly two years in the army service. When quite a young man Mr. L. F. White took a complete course in embalming at the New York Embalming





College, and has passed examinations in both Ohio and Kentucky, where he practices. He married Miss Belle, daughter of C. W. and Mary (Walker) Short, in 1892. Mrs. White's mother was a daughter of Caleb Walker, a kinsman of the Ashburn family. Mrs. White was born and reared at New Richmond, and is the mother of three children—Irene E., Pauline J., and Lewellyn T.

Eva, is the wife of F. A. Roberts, a successful lawyer of Missoula, Mont., and they have two sons.

Clifford L., who married Miss Minnie Winspear, of Ten Mile, this county, is engaged in the livery and auto business at New Richmond, Ohio. They are the parents of one son, Clifford W.

John R., is a commercial traveler for the Crane & Breed Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, residing at New Richmond, Ohio. He married Miss Dora Darkin, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and they have one son and two daughters.

Jeanette is the wife of Harry Shaw, a hardware merchant of Texas. They have one son.

Both Mr. T. P. White and his son are Republicans, the latter having taken an active part in the party councils, and has served in the various local offices. The elder Mr. White served as treasurer of Ohio township, and as a councilman of New Richmond several terms, and from 1884-86 was treasurer of Clermont county. These gentlemen hold membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias lodges, the latter being a member of the Modern Woodmen of America in addition. The families are members of the Presbyterian church.

The paternal great-grandfather of T. P. White operated a transport during the Revolution. The paternal grandfather of L. F. White served in the War of 1812; his maternal grandfather, Thomas L. Nichols, was a naval officer in the Civil war, and his own service is already chronicled. The family has thus been well represented in the various conflicts of our country.

Mr. White and his sons are interested in all matters pertaining to the material, political, social, intellectual and moral progress of the community, and have co-operated in many movements for the public good, while in business affairs they manifest that keen discernment and unfaltering diligence that are necessary concomitants to a prosperous career.



## THE PARK FAMILY.

As with most of their fellow people, the story of the Park family is one of frequent migration for many and long stay for only a few. Even the name has changed in form, but not in sound. Under an Act of Congress, June 1, 1832, a pension was granted August 9, 1833, for service in the Virginia militia, to John Parke, then for a time living in Brown county, who was the founder of his family in Ohio. His wife's maiden name was Lettice Moseley, who was the only child of a widow, Helen Moseley. Back of that no name has been kept.

Heads of families with the names of Parke and Moseley which came from a stay of quite a hundred years in Windham county, Connecticut, and farther back from England, were associated in the Wyoming Enterprise. That enterprise, from the origin and through a fierce contention, not of State, but of Colony rights, including the "Pennite and Yankee War," until the close in the most awful of all Indian massacres, forms the most tragic episode of all the English settlements. Many refugees from the ill-fated valley boated down the Susquehanna river, with little sympathy from the peaceful Pennites, and found protection south of the Potomac, and along the Shenandoah. A presumption that the Parkes and Moseleys were in the southward flight from the havoc of that first week of July, 1778, is strengthened by the fact that, after much search, no concurrent mention of the names has been found except in the annals of Windham county, Connecticut, the story of Wyoming, and in Hampshire county, Virginia, where John and Lettice Parke partly raised their family. Their sons were Enos, Jesse, David and John. The daughters were Leah, Sarah, Rachel, Lydia, Phoebe and Elizabeth. Lydia was born June 23, 1792, and in her infancy, 1793, the family moved to Tennessee, where they settled near Greenville, Green county, and kept a ferry on the Nollichucky river. There Elizabeth, the youngest daughter, was born, April 20, 1800, and John, the youngest son, just two years later. They were prosperous in Virginia and Tennessee. But they hated slavery so that rumors of freedom and fertility brought them in 1805, to settle in Highland county on Paint Creek, near Iron Furnace. There the family, transferred from mountain airs, suffered so much from fever and ague, that before the War of 1812, the father, with weakened means, brought the younger part of the family to the highlands of Clermont, about Amelia, where







JOHN PARK



ELIZABETH A. PARK



the Malicks, their former neighbors in Virginia, had come. There Leah married David Malick, and Lydia, John Malick, whence a worthy connection in Clermont still continues.

The presence of the family then and there is proved by several graves in the Christian Chapel cemetery, at Mt. Holly, on the Ohio Pike, a little east of Amelia. That cemetery began on the land of Michael Roseberry, with the grave of his wife, Betsey, who died June 14, 1819, the oldest burial date extant in that vicinity. Nearby, the letters H. M. and the figures 1823 can still be deciphered in the inscription on a slab of native limestone. Another similar stone alongside more plainly shows L. Parke, October 5, 1823. They mark the end of the wanderings of Lettice Parke and the Widow Moseley. As described by some aged grandchildren now also long gone, Helen Moseley was "very old" and "upwards of ninety," so that she was a mother of the Revolution. The name is far from frequent. But whether she was one of the small, yet decidedly fine, families of Connecticut or from a line that will never be found, I still like to ponder her marches with the wandering brood of Parkes that made the world for her. "Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing onward through life," she went with those ten grandchildren, like Ruth of old, going as they did go, lodging where they lodged, with their people for her people. And when the youngest was reared and they were married; and when the mother of them was near to death, she died and they were buried together.

From the marriage record of Brown county, John Parke was married to Margaret Darrell, April 1, 1824, and there was his home until induced by his oldest son, Enos, once more to migrate, in 1834, to Wea Wea, near Lafayette, Ind., where he died, in 1835, leaving other children by his second wife. Of the other first children, David married Matilda Taliaferro and moved near Urbana, whence his children went to Knox county, Illinois. John married Susan Rounds and moved to Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois. Rachel married George Hunt, son of Levi Hunt, a pioneer of Tate township. They and theirs went to Illinois. Sarah married John Allen and died soon after. Phoebe married Christopher Ault and went to Indiana. Elizabeth married Jacob Hair and raised a family on Upper Five Mile, in Brown county. David and Leah Parke Malick eventually settled with their children at and near North Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana. Lydia Parke Malick, after passing into her ninety-seventh year, died November 10, 1888.





at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maria Baldwin, of Baldwin Station, or East Liberty, northwest of Batavia.

Jesse, the second son of John and Lettice Parke, married Catherine Zimmerman, who had come from Pennsylvania. They remained a while after the rest of the family started north. Their first son, named Lamanda, married Sarah Willis, of Bethel, Ohio, who lived and raised a family in Clermont county. Mary, the only daughter of Jesse Park, married James Vanosdol, in Clermont, and later moved to Jennings county, Indiana, and raised four children. On the way to Ohio, Jesse found fine work at his trade as a wheelwright at Lexington, Ky.; and, while living there, his second son was born, January 22, 1815, and named John. About a year later, Jesse Parke sickened and died rather suddenly, leaving his wife and three small children among strangers. As soon as those slow times permitted, Jesse's brother, Enos, took the widow and little ones to his home between Rainsborough and Bainbridge. After while, the widow of Jesse Parke married a farmer, Isaac Stewart, with whom she had five sons—Daniel, William, Isaac, Barney and James, and one daughter, Ellen. Isaac Stewart died leaving his children well grown, who came with their mother to her first children near Bethel, where Daniel married Hulda Fred, and then Hulda's father married Daniel's mother in 1856, when both couples moved to Perry, Pike county, Illinois, where, shortly after, Catherine Fred, who had been the wife of the early-fated Jesse Parke, forty years before, died from a fall through a trap door of a cellar.

The children of Jesse Parke found early homes with their uncles and aunts in Clermont county. About 1831 Thomas Hunt, the noted rifle maker of that period, and before in Brown and Clermont, and a brother of young John Parke's uncle, George Hunt, took the bright, clear-eyed lad into his gun shop, east of Bethel, and thoroughly taught him gunsmithing, the most exact and best paid art of the time, and an art not then gathered into large factories. On reaching manhood and noting a confused use of the name, such as Parkes, Parker or Parks, he conferred with his brother, Lamanda, and they decided to drop the silent e and use the simple and not easily mistaken form of Park.

Late in 1837 John Park opened a gunsmith shop in Williamsburg, where on Wednesday morning, July 25, 1838, he and Elizabeth Ann Wright were married in the large frame house





of her stepfather and mother, George and Susanna Jenkins Peterson, which they had built diagonally beyond the crossing of the streets from the Williamsburg Flour Mill, then owned by them.

Elizabeth A. Wright was the elder daughter of Robert and Susanna Jenkins Wright. Susanna, born February 5, 1798, was a daughter of John and Catherine Vaughan Jenkins, noted in the sketch of the Jenkins Family. Several sons of John Jenkins went to work for Samuel Perin in the enterprise that resulted in Perin's Mills, or Perintown, and their sister, Susanna, also went as their housekeeper. The Wright family coming from Virginia and settled about Lexington, Ky., furnished several for the same enterprise, among whom was Robert Wright, with his sisters, Sarah and Margaret. His brothers, William, Richard and Zephaniah, either remained in or returned to Lexington. But Sarah married Joseph Harvey, of Miami township, and mothered a fine posterity, including the names of Gatch, McGrew, Lemming and Cazel. Margaret Wright married Christopher Clark and lived about Bantam. Robert and Susanna Wright were married in February, 1818, and settled at Milford, where he was employed in the mill. Their children were: Joseph W., born January 9, 1819, and died April 9, 1822; Elizabeth Ann, born May 10, 1821; John Harvey, born October 29, 1823; and Nancy R., born December 4, 1825, who married Andrew V. Boulware, a noted chair maker, and died December 15, 1891. John Harvey Wright married Mary Ann McNutt, mentioned with the McNutt family and in the sketch of Thomas K. Ellis.

In 1825 Robert Wright gathered all his means, making quite a sum for the time and, taking a partner, loaded a boat for a trip to New Orleans. At Natchez, on August 11, 1825, because of overwork, he died suddenly—so the report came. But no report was ever made of his considerable financial share in the boat load, except a cast iron mess kettle still preserved. The young widow, with three infants, and overcast with suspicion that her husband had been murdered, was taken to her father's home near Bantam. There, on August 7, 1828, she married George Peterson, who owned the Williamsburg Mills, and much wealth for that day. With him she had five children: Charles, who was a soldier from Louisville, and killed in the Mexican war, Angie, Judith, Atlanta and Catherine. Susanna, the mother of these and the children of Robert Wright, died April 10, 1842, and is buried in Williamsburg cemetery.



After living across Front street from the parental home a few months, John and Elizabeth Park moved to Ripley, where their first child, Mary Eliza, was born, June 9, 1839, and died April 9, 1841; and the second, Kirrilla, was born May 16, 1841. They then returned to Williamsburg, and bought the eastern halves of In Lots No. 267 and No. 269 on Main street, that had been the home of Capt. Jacob Boersttler when he went to his death in the War of 1812. And that for over fifty years was to be the Park home, where eight more children were born in the same room. In order of birth they were named: John Quincy A., Katherine, Dora Belle, Elizabeth, Judith Anna, Georgia, Lincoln, and Mary F.

Kirrilla married Thomas K. Nichols in De Soto, Iowa, November 17, 1878. They moved to Des Moines, where she died March 2, 1905, and he, five years before, leaving one child, Stella. John Quincy A., Katherine married to Byron Williams, Elizabeth married to Leroy W. Garoutte, Georgia married to Dr. D. C. Bice, and Mary married to Frank P. Ellis, are all five elsewhere sketched. Dora Belle married E. J. Wade, and died in Cincinnati, December 25, 1888, leaving Eva, Stella, Grace, Ada and Stephen. Judith married Frank Simms, whose children are Flora, Edith, Jessie, Elizabeth and Lela. Judith is living with her daughters in Salt Lake City. Lincoln, living with his children in Chicago, married Emma West, who died in Williamsburg, July 16, 1911, leaving Wilbur, Beatrice, Carl and Helen.

John Park had few rivals and no superior in making the old-fashioned "Squirrel Hunter's Rifle." The quality of his personal hand work is shown in a much admired specimen, now owned by the writer, that took many premiums at the once all popular "fairs." When the gun trade was taken up by the great arsenals during and after the Civil war, he fitted his shop for heavier lathe work, in iron for the manufacture and repair of light machinery, and thus instituted a business of much important convenience for the farms and factories of central Brown and Clermont. He also did much special tool work, among which in particular, in connection with Oscar Snell and Byron Williams, he perfected and patented, in 1872, an improvement known as the American pruner, which was sold with pleasant profit by special agents to many thousands of satisfied purchasers. His quiet life and modest unto diffidence was an every day benefit to his family and community. He was often elected to the council and board of education.





He was a Freemason, and for forty-eight years a member of the Methodist church, in which he was a class leader; and on February 22, 1895, he died in that faith. The wife with whom he lived nearly fifty-seven years, was the mother of a home ruled with love, kept in order and sweetly clean. Despite the care of a large family, she lived with a tender courage and a helping hand that were the first thought of many a neighbor in her hours of trial. In the days of a beautiful girlhood she was quick to learn, and certain to keep the floor to the last of every spelling match. Love for her children's welfare went beyond her own, and joy grew full as they reached a more ample plane of living than was possible among the needs of her large family. Yet, in the final balancings, none of those children have succeeded better or even so well as the parents who raised them to useful lives. After her husband's death Mrs. Park lingered awhile alone in the old home, and then consented to a round of lengthy visits with her children, during which she died on March 29, 1907, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Bice. Thence she was brought to the home of her daughter, Katherine, for a funeral in the Methodist church at Williamsburg, where she had been a member for seventy-three years, and for many years, the oldest member of that congregation. Then she was buried there, with her daughter, Belle, and with her husband. The golden wedding of John and Elizabeth Park, to which all their children but Quincy came, from far, was a holiday for the neighborhood about the old home, where several came to tell that their wedding fifty years before was another holiday, when all the town came to look at the procession then in vogue. But the funeral of the aged woman was largely attended by those who learned her worth from others.

#### MRS. ELIZABETH PARK GAROUTTE.

Elizabeth, the fifth daughter of John and Elizabeth Park, born October 7, 1851, was trained in the public schools of Williamsburg, which in her time there, without Latin, comprised more of mathematics and science than is reached in the present high school work. On Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, 1872, in the Methodist church that was crowded with the old and young friends of her girlhood, she was married by Rev. Frank G. Mitchell to Leroy W. Garoutte.

Leroy W., born January 27, 1850, and his sister, Lizzie, mar-



ried to Capt. Thomas Montgomery, of the Forty-eighth Ohio infantry, in the Civil war, and residents of Lynchburg, Ohio, are the children of Archibald and May N. Swadley Garoutte. Archibald Garoutte was born in Marietta, Ohio, July 25, 1820, and died December 8, 1900. His wife died in Lincoln in 1891, and both are buried at Lynchburg, Ohio. Soon after their marriage, in 1842, in Clinton county, Ohio, they moved to Cincinnati, where he held various offices. At the outbreak of the War for the Union, he was appointed a captain in the quartermaster's department by President Lincoln. His military service is the subject of a most honorable public document, including an Act of Congress and bears the title of Report No. 438, to the first session of the Forty-fourth Congress, June 28, 1876. During this service, which was emphatically endorsed by Generals Fremont, Cox, Schofield and Sherman, Captain Garoutte bought and sold and was responsible for millions of dollars' worth of military property. Through all, he kept his habits of Spartan simplicity and lived and died a poor man. From the beginning, in 1861, to the close of special service, some five years later, Captain Garoutte kept his son, Leroy W., with him at headquarters, where the uniformed lad acted as an orderly, and was much noticed by various generals. The life was a wonderful experience for a boy from eleven to sixteen, and what was lost from schools was rapidly learned later on.

In 1873 Leroy and Lizzie Garoutte went to De Soto and Adel, Dallas county, Iowa, and later to Lincoln, Neb., when that city was only beginning its fine growth. They have shared the prosperity and now own a fine, large, up-to-date city home, in a choice residence section, with other supporting properties. They have three children. Park Bice Garoutte, born October 10, 1874, was married December 22, 1898, to Myra Dewey, whose four children are, Charles Dewey, Grace Elizabeth, Frances and Olive, and they live in Chicago. Scott J. Garoutte, born July 17, 1881, was married June 6, 1905, to India Bartley, of Lincoln, where they live and have two sons, Scott and Richard Bartley. Gladys Lucille Garoutte was married October 11, 1911, to Frederick Austin Wiebe, and they live in Grand Island, Neb.

For some years Leroy W. has had the rank of colonel and aide on the military staff of the governor of Nebraska. Colonel Garoutte has been in the wire fence trade from the early sales of the Baker barbed wire, a generation ago, to the pres-





ent business of the American Steel & Wire Company, with which he, his two sons, his son-in-law, and his brother-in-law, Captain Quincy Park, hold fine positions. Since the marriage of her children, Mrs. Lizzie Garoutte has spent much of the time in traveling.

### MRS. GEORGIA PARK BICE.

Georgia, the seventh daughter of John and Elizabeth Park, was born March 19, 1857, and made such excellent use of her time in the public schools of Williamsburg, that she was employed as one of the teachers for 1875-76. Her teaching was done with a finish that won favor, and she was elected for 1876-77 with an advance in position and salary, and again, the same for 1877-78. Her fine success as a teacher was assured, but fate willed otherwise. In the summer vacation of 1877, she visited her sisters, Mrs. L. W. Garoutte, and Kirrilla, at De Soto, Iowa, where she met a young physician, who persuaded her to consider a partnership with him. She returned to her engagement for the school year in Williamsburg; and on May 8, 1878, she was married to Dr. David Corwin Bice, and returned with him to De Soto, where they lived for seventeen years, in an ideal felicity amid much prosperity. Then, in May, 1895, they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, and there for fifteen years more enjoyed financial gain, social position and high respect, only tinged by apprehension of failing health. In February, 1910, they went to a beautiful home in Denver, Colo., with another enchanting summer home in the not distant mountains. But all this condition, brighter perhaps than he once dared to expect, was darkened in Denver, on November 25, 1911, by the death of Dr. Bice.

Dr. Bice was born April 26, 1852, in Fultonham, Schoharie county, New York. He was the fourth among the six sons and one daughter of Jeremiah and Amy J. Bice, with whom he came, in 1867, to Dallas county, Iowa. He graduated from the medical department of the Iowa State University, in 1876, and began to practice in De Soto. That practice, together with his fine presence, genial manner and nice perception, resulted in rare and gratifying success.

The only child of Dr. D. C. and Georgia Park Rice is Beatrice, born in De Soto, February 16, 1880, and graduated from Des Moines High School, in June, 1899. In June, 1902, she graduated from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. She





then took one year of post-graduate work in Wellesley College; and, on September 6, 1904, she was married to Kay William Hunt, of Omaha, Neb.; and they have since resided in Denver. Kay William is a son of Carey McClennan and Katherine Buel Hunt. He was born March 29, 1871, graduated from Drake University in June, 1892, and then graduated in law at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. Kay W. and Beatrice Hunt have one son, born August 10, 1910, and named Buel Bice Hunt.

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### SAMUEL F. PETERSON.

Samuel F. Peterson, one of the prominent Civil war veterans of Clermont county, and a highly esteemed citizen of Williamsburg, Ohio, was born one mile southwest of his present home, March 21, 1836, and is a son of George A. and Rebecca (Cade) Peterson.

George A. Peterson, an enterprising and versatile business man of Clermont county, was born near Egg Harbor, N. J., December 2, 1812, and at the age of thirteen years was brought to Clermont county by his parents, John and Sophia (Goforth) Peterson.

John Peterson was born at the old home in New Jersey, March 23, 1788, and died September 21, 1854. He was a son of Charles and Judith Peterson, who came to Clermont county in 1829. Charles Peterson died in New Jersey while there on business, and his wife died at the old home farm near Williamsburg, Ohio. John Peterson purchased a farm of two hundred and twenty-four acres on the East Fork bottoms, just southwest of Williamsburg, for which he exchanged a team of horses brought from New Jersey, and five hundred dollars in money. He also purchased a half interest in a store at Williamsburg and at Bethel and for a time did the hauling for both stores. He soon sold out his store interests that he might devote his entire time to the development of his farm, and in a few years had one of the most highly improved farms in the county. A few years after his decease, this farm was sold for ten thousand dollars. During the War of 1812, he was a captain of a patrol boat and won much praise for his gallant service. He was a prominent Methodist and a local preacher for many years. His wife, Sophia (Goforth) Peter-



son, was born in New Jersey, May 13, 1794, and died August 8, 1875.

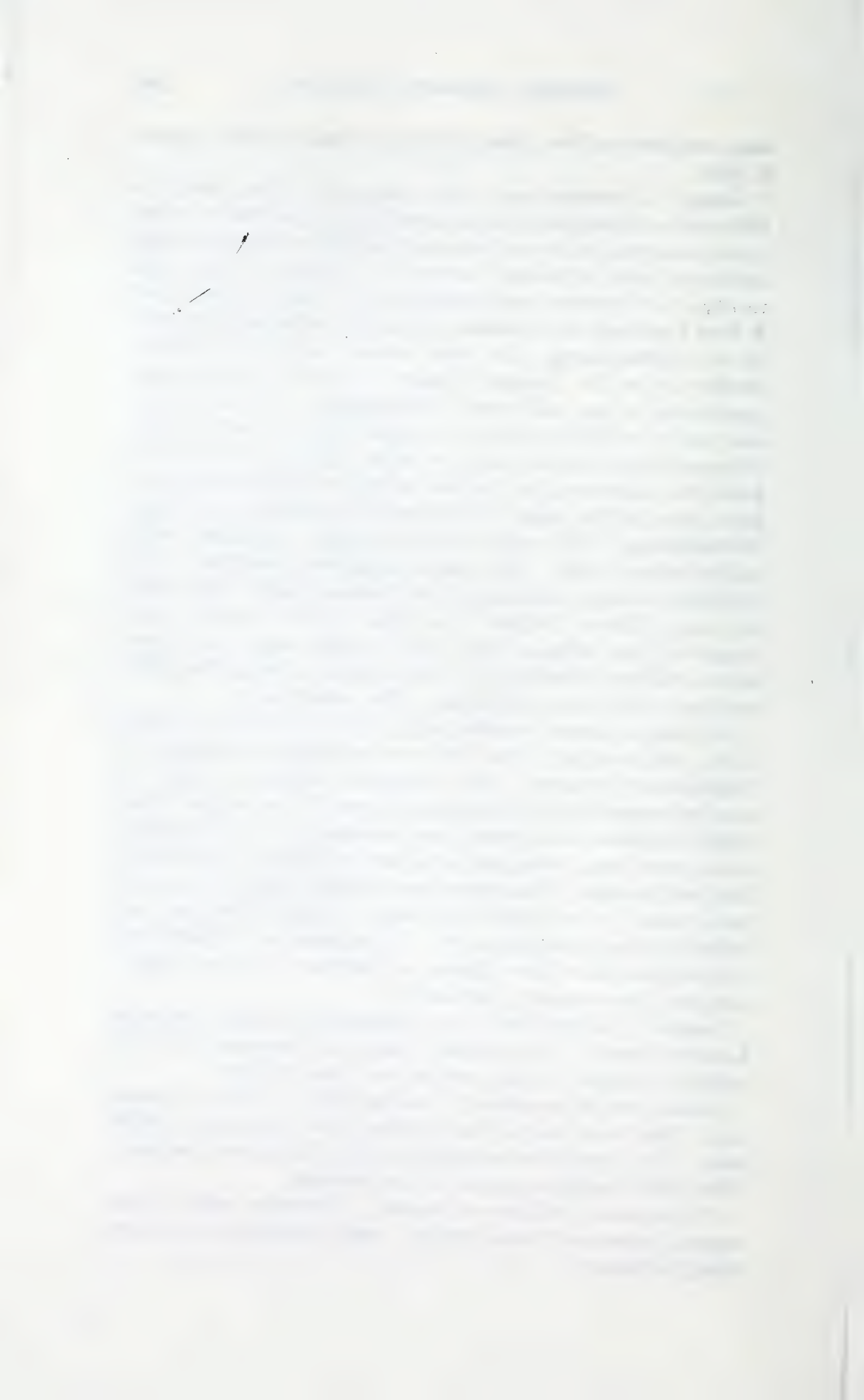
George A. Peterson was a stone mason by trade, which he followed in connection with his farming for a number of years. Later, however, he devoted most of his time to his trade, being associated with a brother, Samuel G. Peterson. From 1836 to 1839, Mr. Peterson was connected with the Cincinnati Coal & Fuel Company, as foreman, after which he brought his family to Williamsburg. He then became associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. George Everhart, in the saw mill business, conducting a saw mill near Williamsburg. At the end of one year he sold his interest to a cousin and followed his trade of stone mason continuously for many years. He helped to build the abutments for the first bridge at Williamsburg and built many of the stone houses and foundations in and near Williamsburg. He was a most excellent workman and a skilled stone cutter. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, and also of the Masonic lodge. In politics he was a "Know Nothing." In 1834, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Cade, and to their union were born eleven children, Samuel F., of this mention, being the eldest and one of the four still living. The others are:

E. Lake, a farmer residing eight miles from Fort Collins, Colo., was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. After the war he engaged with his brother, Samuel F., in a chair shop, which the latter had rented, but remained in this connection but a short time, being one of a party to take up government land in Colorado. He secured one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he has placed in a state of high cultivation, and which is a fine paying property. He returned to Williamsburg and married Miss Mary Foster, a daughter of Israel Foster, and they have reared a fine family.

Joseph T., of Rockford, Ill., is foreman in a large wholesale harness factory. He married Sophronia Greenwald, of Marathon, Clermont county, and he has three children.

Erulia, who is the wife of Nicholas Shafer, of Fort Thomas, Ky. They have reared four children, and one died in childhood. Two daughters are with the Bell Telephone Company, Miss Edith being an expert in the business.

Of the seven children of George A. Peterson who are deceased, James and John lived to reach maturity, the others dying in infancy.





Rebecca (Cade) Peterson was born in Clermont county, November 1, 1814, and died in Williamsburg, January 6, 1889. She was a daughter of Samuel Cade and wife, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey, coming to Clermont county as a young man. He followed the occupation of shoemaker during his active life, and is buried at Williamsburg, Ohio.

Samuel F. Peterson has spent most of his life thus far at Williamsburg, Ohio, where his parents removed when he was three years of age; and he is at present occupying the room in which he was placed at that time. After school days, he learned the trade of stone mason from his father and uncle and for some years followed this line of work, but later devoted most of his attention to brick and concrete work.

In 1858, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rogers, who was born in 1839, near Amelia, Ohio, where her parents, Charles and Mary (Selvidge) Rogers, formerly from near Lexington, Ky., carried on general farming. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were both born in 1801, and their marriage occurred in 1820. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are laid to rest in the Williamsburg cemetery.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Peterson were born six children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who lived to mature years are as follows:

Harry G. was born September 18, 1859, and died December 25, 1905. He married Miss Eliza Meeker, and to them were born three children: Edith is married and has one daughter; Miss Laura, and Roy. Harry G. Peterson purchased a drug store and the old stone house on Front street near Main, built in 1805 by Mr. Samuel W. Davies. This home was previously owned by his grandfather and great-grandfather, and is still well preserved.

May, was born July 7, 1863, and married Edward Snell, who now resides at Philadelphia, Pa. They had one child, who died at the age of one year and three days. Mrs. Snell died at Williamsburg, Ohio, July 13, 1885.

Laura was born June 10, 1874, and died October 30, 1895. She married Charles Hammond, a reporter on the "Enquirer" of Cincinnati. He is also deceased. They left no children.

Mrs. Mary Rogers Peterson died at Williamsburg in 1886. She was a devout member of the Methodist church from the age of twelve years.

Mr. Peterson was married April 7, 1889, to Miss Mary Ellen Snell, who was born at Williamsburg, August 19, 1845, a



daughter of Peter M. Snell and wife. Mr. Snell was a carpenter and builder at Williamsburg, and also conducted a chair factory for years. A son, Oscar Snell, together with Byron Williams, erected a general wood working plant. Mrs. Mary Ellen Peterson died February 19, 1898.

On September 4, 1861, Mr. Peterson enlisted in the Twenty-seventh regimental band of Ohio, playing a bass horn. By a special act of Congress, he left the service in which he had lost his health. For some twenty years after the close of the war, Mr. Peterson was in very poor health.

For many years Mr. Peterson has been prominent in fraternal circles, and in remembrance of his long membership, regular attendance and most efficient official service of the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, was presented by the officers of that lodge with a handsome twenty-five dollar gold-headed cane in 1907. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held all the offices and is at present serving as quartermaster of J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242. The ladies of Winona Lodge, No. 134, and the Order of Good Templars presented him with a handsome Bible.

In January, 1912, Mr. Peterson was elected city marshal of Williamsburg for two years and is also serving as curfew officer.

Mr. Peterson embraces the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is active in all affairs of that denomination. He is a man who is very much respected by all who know him, and in every sense is a good citizen.

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#### FRANCIS POHL.

Mr. Francis Pohl, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home in Williamsburg, September 7, 1911, and his death removed from Clermont county one of its most highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Pohl was a native of Austria, his birth having occurred near Vienna, December 13, 1843, his parents being Dr. Michael and Theresa (Siegle) Pohl, the latter a second cousin of General Siegel, who was prominent during the Civil war.

Dr. Michael Pohl conducted a water resort at Vienna, Austria, and came to America in 1851, locating first in Brown





county, Ohio, near Sardinia, and three years later settling at Williamsburg, which was their home until their decease. Dr. Michael Pohl practiced his profession at Sardinia, and later at Williamsburg, his wife also being a physician and midwife. They were the parents of three sons, Francis, Joseph, and Anthony, and one daughter, Theresa, who married Mr. Myers. All are now deceased.

Francis Pohl pursued his education in the schools of Clermont county, where he was reared to manhood. He learned the trade of chair maker and also sold chairs throughout the county in the vicinity of his home.

On August 16, 1861, Mr. Pohl enlisted in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for nearly four years, being mustered out July 11, 1865. He acted as scout many times in the most dangerous of battle times. He was with the army of the Tennessee, under Brig.-Gen. U. S. Grant, from September 1, 1861, to October 16, 1863; from October 19, 1863, to March 12, 1864, he was under Maj.-Gen. W. T. Sherman; from March 12, 1864, to July 22, 1864, he served under Maj.-Gen. James B. McPherson; from July 22, 1864, to July 27, 1864, he was under Maj.-Gen. John A. Logan, who was in temporary command; from July 27, 1864, to May 12, 1865, under Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, and from May 12, 1865, to July 13, 1865, he served under John A. Logan. Mr. Pohl served in many important engagements and was on the famous "March to the Sea." After three years of service, he veteranized and served until after the close of the war. He was an orderly under General Sherman and others, and had a conspicuous career as a soldier.

On May 29, 1866, Mr. Pohl was united in marriage to Miss Mary Krieger, who was born at Milford, Clermont county, September 17, 1844, a daughter of Christian and Mary Margaret (Fox) Krieger, who came to this county from Prussia, and were farmers living near Batavia, where they both died. Mrs. Pohl had two brothers and two sisters:

Jacob, deceased.

Frank, of Williamsburg, served for three years in the Civil war, enlisting September 29, 1862, in Company D, Seventh Ohio cavalry, and was honorably discharged July 23, 1865. He was a farmer by business and married Miss Mary Babler, deceased. He was formerly a member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Westchester, Butler county, Ohio, and a member of the Lutheran church.





Mrs. Elizabeth Knauer, of Highland county, Ohio.

Mrs. Adeline Walters, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Pohl was reared and educated in Clermont county, where she has spent her life thus far. She is a devoted member of the Methodist church, and of the Ladies' Aid Society, taking an active part in all religious affairs, also being a member of the Women's Relief Corps.

Mr. Pohl was at one time a member of the fraternal organization of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was prominent in the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Pohl was a typical business man, quiet, conservative and industrious, and as quick to grasp as to see an opportunity. He was a man of highest integrity and his whole life was marked with actions of an upright and honest public spirited citizen. The war record of Mr. Pohl, measured by patriotism, is excelled by few, and Clermont county is proud to number him among its honored dead.

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### CHARLES P. McKEVER.

Mr. Charles P. McKeever, a leading farmer and stockman, residing at "Fairview Farm," a splendidly improved farm of ninety-one and one-half acres, south of Williamsburg, Ohio, was born at the old home farm two miles north of Williamsburg, September 7, 1854, his father being Lewis McKeever, who is mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

Charles P. McKeever acquired a good education in the common schools of his vicinity and has followed farming and stock raising since he entered the business world. For twenty-five years, he has been associated with his three brothers, James E., William E., and E. C., all being interested in the raising of fine stock at the old home farm of two hundred and seventy-seven acres. During the past five years, he has handled nothing but registered Jersey stock, with which he is very successful.

In 1902, Mr. Charles McKeever sold out his interests to his brothers, who in turn sold to Col. Ernest Ruffner, of the United States army, now of Newport, Ky. The farm is being operated by a son, Arthur Ruffner.

After the sale of his interests in the old homestead, Mr. McKeever leased his mother's farm for a term of five years, and



before his lease expired he purchased a farm in Brown county, which he sold soon after. In the fall of 1905, the present farm was purchased at an administrator's sale. This is the old Rowan Lytle farm, Rowan being a son of John Lytle, and a nephew of Gen. William Lytle. Mr. McKeever has remodeled the house and has had a new barn erected, removing all of the other buildings and putting up new fences, which has made it one of the finest home farms in this section of the country. He has another farm of seventy-five acres on the Chillicothe pike, not far from Williamsburg, and his entire attention is turned to the management of his farm and tenants. He buys and feeds stock, which he holds until he can sell at a good profit.

Mr. McKeever was married December 29, 1878, to Miss Matilda Jane Creager, who was born in Brown county, a daughter of Elisha and Mary (Reddick) Creager, the latter passing from this life at the home of Mr. McKeever, in March, 1912, where she had resided for the past sixteen years.

Elisha and Mary (Reddick) Creager were resident farmers of Brown county from about 1853, the former being a native of New Jersey, and was a son of William and Katie (Knitzer) Creager, who brought the family to Ohio very early, locating near Loveland. He secured several farms in the county and resided there until his death. Katie (Knitzer) Creager was also a native of New Jersey, and came to Ohio, with her parents, when she was a child. To this couple were born fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, all now deceased. Elisha was educated in the schools near Loveland, and as a young man engaged in teaming about the wharves of Cincinnati. He returned to Loveland for a period and located in Brown county about 1853, and there lived until his death.

Mrs. McKeever has four brothers and one sister living:

Richard P., of Logansport, Ind.

Jerome B., of Tonica, Ill.

Robert A., of Brown county, Ohio.

John H., of Franklin, Warren county, Ohio.

Fannie, married Samuel Cobb, of Williamsburg township.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeever had one daughter, Birdie May, born in 1881, and died March 6, 1905. She married John Mehl, a farmer of near Mt. Orab. Mr. McKeever is a Democrat and has served on the school board, and Mrs. McKeever is a member of the United Brethren church of Williamsburg.





Mr. McKeever is numbered among the substantial citizens of the county, having concentrated his energies on his business affairs with exceptionally good results.

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### WILLIAM E. McKEEVER.

Faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose in life will do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances. The successful men of today are those who have planned their own advancement, and have accomplished it in spite of obstacles. Mr. William E. McKeever began his business career at the early age of thirteen years, when he began buying horses, in which occupation he has continued for forty years. He has made a specialty of high-action harness and saddle horses; for many years training them, having for associates in business, three of his brothers. Believing that he was capable of attending to more than one style of work, he has also followed real estate, as a dealer, with great success.

Mr. McKeever was born in Williamsburg, Ohio, October 9, 1857, and with the exception of twelve years spent in Cincinnati, where he and his brother, E. C. McKeever, conducted a livery and sales stable on Sixth street, between Sycamore and Main streets, he has resided in the town of his birth.

The marriage of Mr. McKeever to Miss Ollie Runyan, occurred in Williamsburg, November 7, 1880. Mrs. McKeever is a daughter of James, Sr., and Laura (Style) Runyan, both of whom were of early Brown county families. Mr. Runyan was a successful farmer, and at the time of his decease, owned a finely improved farm of two hundred acres. Mrs. McKeever was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 23, 1859, and is one of eleven children, of whom five sons and two daughters are living: Henry Runyan, James Runyan, Peter Runyan, Hiram Runyan, all farmers of Brown county, Ohio; William Runyan, a carpenter and builder, of Norwood, Ohio, and Hattie is the wife of George Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeever are the parents of two children, the elder of whom died in infancy. The younger is Miss Laura Frances, who is a graduate of the Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, class of 1909. After spending one year at home after her graduation, Miss Laura accepted a position as teacher



of science, in the high school in Lovington, Ill. She has held this position for two years, with such satisfaction that she has been engaged for the coming two years.

In political views, Mr. McKeever is a Democrat, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Williamsburg. The family attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. McKeever is a member.

In 1908, Mr. McKeever purchased the beautiful home known as the Amon Reece home, at the corner of Third and Gay streets. It can be said of the subject of this review, that his life record is one of energy and industry, and his diligence has constituted the basis of his success, which is as admirable as it is gratifying. He early realized that if he would work persistently and earnestly he might hope to attain success. With this belief he has carefully directed his labors, and is today counted as one of the prominent men of the county.

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### MILTON JAMIESON.

A history of Clermont county would not be complete without an authentic record of the life of Milton Jamieson, widely known as a banker and business man. He was a native of Clermont county, having been born at Williamsburg, October 2, 1825, the son of John and Catherine (Perrine) Jamieson. His father was one of the earliest settlers of Clermont county, coming early in the Nineteenth century from Cynthiana, Ky., and was for over sixty years a prominent and influential resident and active business man of the county. He died in 1889, at the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Milton Jamieson came to Batavia with his parents when a child and while still a mere boy was an apprentice in the "Courier" office. Nearly all the type for the first number of that paper was set by him, and for many years almost unaided set the type for its issues. After diligent and conscientious work he eventually became the paper's owner, and for several years its editor. He always looked upon his early training in that office as the most valuable of his life. At the age of eighteen he began the study of law with R. W. Clarke and completed his preparatory education with a course at the Cincinnati Law School, conducted at that time by C. L. Tilford and W. S. Grosebeck, and was admitted to the bar in 1847.





MILTON JAMIESON.





One of the greatest deeds of Milton Jamieson's life and for which his memory will always be revered by his countrymen was his enlisting as a private in the military service, July 28, 1847, later being honored by being chosen as second lieutenant of his company, which was attached to the Second Ohio regiment with the army of occupation under General Scott in the city of Mexico. At the close of the Mexican war he returned to Batavia and resumed the practice of law, being associated for a time with his former preceptor, Mr. Clarke. At the suggestion of friends he wrote and published a book of reminiscences relative to his experiences during the Mexican war. He was one of the youngest commissioned officers in the army at that time.

In 1865 he entered the business world in a manner that was subsequently to make his name known throughout this portion of the State, as one of the most conservative and sound bankers of his time. In that year, together with William Megrue, W. N. Megrue, R. W. Clarke, S. F. Dowdney, A. M. Sinks, J. S. Dustin, T. M. Lewis, P. B. Swing, J. S. Griffith and George W. Hulick, he organized the First National Bank of Batavia, in which enterprise he was the chief promoter and its guiding spirit. Mr. Jamieson was the first cashier of the institution and in July, 1868, was elected a director and its president, succeeding William Megrue. He continued as its president by successive annual elections until a month before his death, in 1907, when he voluntarily retired on account of poor health. His life as a banker was characterized by his conservatism and far-sightedness.

In 1876, Mr. Jamieson was one of the prime movers in getting a railroad connection for Batavia with the outside world, giving freely of his time and putting in hazard his personal means in the construction of the Cincinnati & Eastern railroad, now known as the Norfolk & Western. Later in life he financed the brickyard enterprise, converting it into a paying property, and was also associated in the establishment of the Carroll-Jamieson Machine Tool Company and other local enterprises.

Although a thorough man of business Mr. Jamieson found time in his busy life to devote to religious and social organizations, and through them gave freely of his talent "to serve the present age." In 1867 he united with the Presbyterian church of Batavia, and served as a ruling elder during most of the forty years of his membership. He was also a teacher and



superintendent in the Sunday school. He was made a Mason in Batavia Lodge, No. 104, February 16, 1847, and died on his sixtieth Masonic anniversary. He was probably the oldest Mason in Clermont county, and among the oldest in the State.

Milton Jamieson was united in marriage in 1854 to Maria Titus, to which union four children were born; one dying in infancy and three surviving him: Charles T., Mrs. C. E. Belt, and P. F. Jamieson. Mrs. Jamieson died in 1869. In 1873 he was again united in marriage, his bride being Miss Kate Buvinger, who died in 1889, leaving no children.

When ill health foreshadowed his passing, Mr. Jamieson withdrew from active business and spent his latter days in reading, a favorite pastime with him at all times. In his demise, February 16, 1907, Clermont county lost a most active and enterprising citizen. His life was marked by constant effort to make his personality and gifts yield the best results for the benefit of his fellow men. In business and religion he was positive, aggressive and effective. Among the masses he may pass as most of us do, into the region of the partially forgotten, but his work for his age was well done and will abide through generations.

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### GEORGE W. MOYER.

George W. Moyer, a retired farmer, residing at Williamsburg for a number of years, was born in Clermont county, Ohio, June 27, 1838, and is a son of Henry and Sarah Jane (Johnson) Moyer.

Henry Moyer, the father of our subject, was born in Clermont county, March 27, 1812, and died in 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a son of John and Salome (Earhart) Moyer, the former a native of New Jersey and came to Clermont county in the early days, where he followed the occupation of farming.

Sarah Jane (Johnson) Moyer was born in New Jersey, February 20, 1812, and died in 1896. She was a daughter of Isaiah and Mary (Soah) Johnson, who were the founders of the Johnson family in Clermont county. Soon after his arrival in Clermont, Isaiah Johnson purchased land in Williamsburg township, along Todd's Run, and being successful along lines of agriculture became very wealthy. Later he purchased an-





other tract of land in Jackson township and gave his entire time to the cultivation of these farms. He was active in the Methodist church in its beginning. Isaiah and Mary (Soah) Johnson became the parents of five sons and five daughters:

Jonathan was a farmer and served as a commissioner.

Joseph was a farmer and with his brother, Jonathan, conducted a hotel at Batavia, being also a director of the infirmary.

Isaiah, who was a farmer, sold out and removed to Wisconsin, where he died.

Benjamin operated the old farm until his death.

Charles was a farmer and died at a comparatively early age.

Mary, who married Wesley Smith, resided in Williamsburg township.

Jemimah married George Moyer, uncle of the present subject, and resided in Brown county.

Elizabeth married Joseph Kain and resided in Williamsburg.

Lucy Ann married Seth Maker and resided at Cincinnati and various other places.

Sarah Jane, who became Mrs. Henry Moyer.

The wedding ceremony of Mr. Henry Moyer and Miss Sarah Jane Johnson took place on December 31, 1833, and to their union were born four sons:

Mortimer J. was a Federal soldier in the Civil war, and died at La Grange, Tenn., during the war.

E. R., an expert machinist of Cincinnati.

B. F., a retired farmer, residing at Hamlet, this county.

George W., the subject of this mention.

George W. Moyer acquired a good education in the schools of Williamsburg township, which when completed, gave him the opportunity to become a teacher and for six years he followed this profession, from 1856 to 1862. He enlisted in the army of the Civil war from Williamsburg in 1862, in the Fourth independent cavalry, and served four months as a private soldier. Although he was a commissioned officer he did not serve in his official capacity.

The marriage of Mr. Moyer to Miss Elizabeth Weaver was celebrated in 1863. She was born in 1843, near Batavia, where she was reared and educated, and was a daughter of Samuel Weaver, being the youngest of eleven children. Her death occurred March 28, 1911. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer was blessed with two children:

Frank H., a druggist at Cincinnati, was a graduate of the



Cincinnati School of Pharmacy, and died at the age of twenty-five years.

Hattie, is the widow of John S. Davidson, former prosecuting attorney of Clermont county. She is the mother of one son, Hugh, who is a student at the University of Cincinnati, class of 1913, preparing for the practice of law.

Politically, Mr. Moyer is a Republican, and is a devoted member of the Methodist church. He has always taken a very active part in church work, and has served as treasurer for a number of years.

For the past four years, Mr. Moyer has been retired from active life, and is enjoying the fruits of his former labors. He and his daughter, Mrs. Davidson, own considerable property in Williamsburg. Mr. Moyer has had no exciting chapters in his life record, his time being fully occupied with business cares and his courage and determination to face life's obstacles have won universal respect of his fellowmen.

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### JOHN S. DAVIDSON.

Williamsburg has been called upon on more than one occasion to part with citizens of the very highest type of usefulness, and to hold only in memory, those who, for years, had been familiar figures and closely identified with her dearest interests. This was notably the case when the last dread summons came to that distinguished representative of one of the oldest of Clermont county families, John S. Davidson, who passed to his eternal reward on June 28, 1906. Mr. Davidson had just completed a term as prosecuting attorney of Clermont county, on January 1, 1906. The birth of John S. Davidson occurred February 16, 1866, near Boston (now Owensville), Clermont county, a son of James and Martha (Summers) Davidson.

James Davidson was born in Batavia township, and has followed the occupation of farming all of his life until his retirement five years since. He still retains his farm, but is residing at Bethel, where he is enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor. He is a member of the Methodist church and in politics, is an advocate of the Democratic principles, and in former years served in the various local offices. His father, John Davidson, was a son of James Davidson, who was





born in Ireland, and upon coming to America settled in Kentucky, where he was married and where John was born in 1799. About 1807, the family located in Clermont county, and became resident farmers.

Martha (Summers) Davidson was born in 1832, in Hamilton county, at Columbia, which is now a part of Cincinnati, her parents being John and ——— (Trump) Summers. Mr. John Summers was born in England, and when about twenty years of age immigrated to America, where he was married in Philadelphia to Miss Trump, shortly after which he came to the vicinity of Cincinnati. He was a teacher and in later years purchased a farm in Batavia township, which he operated. Martha Summers taught school prior to her marriage, and her death occurred in 1897, in her sixty-fifth year.

To the union of James and Martha (Summers) Davidson were born nine children:

Joseph M., who was born in Batavia township, is a general merchant of Williamsburg, proprietor of the "Economy" store, located on Main street, between Second and Third streets. He was born June 12, 1860, and remained on the home farm in Batavia township until he was fifteen years of age, when his parents removed to Williamsburg township, which has since been his home. After receiving the preliminary education of the schools of his vicinity, he attended the Lebanon Normal School, and for sixteen years following, taught in his home county. About 1899, Joseph M. Davidson embarked in the mercantile business at Williamsburg and has conducted a thoroughly up-to-date store. In politics, Joseph M. Davidson is a Democrat, and has served in the various local offices, as town treasurer and as a member of the school board. He has membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and Mrs. Davidson are members of the Methodist church. Joseph M. Davidson was united in marriage to Carrie Kanauer, daughter of J. W. Kanauer, a former resident of this county, who died in Highland county, Ohio. To the union of Joseph and Carrie (Kanauer) Davidson have been born the following children: Idelbert B., a graduate of the Y. M. C. A. Law School, has practiced his profession at that place for the past year; Mrs. Roy Fuhr, of Williamsburg, Ohio; Mrs. D. F. Dunham, of Cincinnati, whose husband is in the auto business; Bessie, is at home with her parents; Theresa, at the parental home, and Julius, at home also.

Charles, of Northeast Kansas, is a farmer of that State.

Thomas is a farmer of Williamsburg township.





John S., the subject of this mention.

Emma, who became the wife of John Burnside, of Williamsburg township.

Herman, a farmer of Williamsburg township.

Nellie, of Bethel, is at home with her father, James Davidson.

Alice, is also at home with her father.

Harvey is a farmer of Colorado.

John S. Davidson pursued his preliminary education in the schools of his vicinity and later was a member of the first class graduating from the Williamsburg High School in 1886, under Superintendent Byron Williams, the author of this work. Following his graduation, Mr. Davidson taught school for three or four years.

In 1890, John S. Davidson was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Moyer, and soon after this event, entered the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1893. He at once began the practice of his profession at Williamsburg, continuing until his death.

He left one son, Hugh Moyer Davidson, who was born in 1891, and who makes his home with his mother and his grandfather, at Williamsburg. He and his mother are members of the Methodist church, as was his father.

Mr. John S. Davidson had, in addition to his splendid law practice, a half interest in the feed business at Williamsburg, and owned a fine farm in Brown county. He was a well known practical farmer, as well as lawyer and was a shrewd, successful business man.

In fraternal organizations, Mr. Davidson was a prominent member of the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Davidson is a member of the Rebekah lodge of Williamsburg, and her son, Hugh Moyer Davidson, is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

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#### REV. ISAAC NEWTON RHOADES.

Rev. Isaac Newton Rhoades, deceased, was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal ministry in Ohio, and although he has departed this life, his influence yet remains a potent element for good and his memory is yet a blessed bene-



diction to those who knew him. He was born near Lebanon, Ohio, March 12, 1835, a son of Isaac and Tamson (Roberts) Rhoades.

Isaac Rhoades was from New Jersey and came with his widowed mother and the family to Ohio, where they purchased a section of school land, some ten miles north of Lebanon. They brought their possessions in a wagon, with others who came to this locality at that time. He was the oldest child and with the help of his brothers, managed the farm, which they afterward gave to the mother. Isaac later secured a fine farm of his own. He was prominent as a class leader in the Methodist church. He died during the Civil war and left a large family, which is scattered, and but two brothers are now living.

Tamson (Roberts) Rhoades was born in the East and survived her husband about thirty years. They became the parents of twelve children, two of whom are now living.

Rev. Isaac N. Rhoades was reared in Warren county, Ohio, and there began in the public school to lay the foundation of his education. He graduated from the Lebanon College and began teaching his home school at the age of sixteen years. As a young man, he was a local preacher, and in 1867 or 1869, entered the West Virginia Conference, devoting his life until his retirement, to the ministry. In the fall of 1872, he entered the Illinois Conference, becoming a member in 1873. About the year 1877, he was transferred to the Northern Indiana Conference, continuing there until his throat gave out, when he partially retired, in 1886. He then located in Williamsburg and did a great deal of ministerial work as his health permitted. He could easily claim that he was instrumental in bringing some fifteen hundred souls into the kingdom, seven of whom were active ministers and some are still in the service.

On December 25, 1861, Rev. Mr. Rhoades was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Young, who was born in Clermont county in 1841, three miles from Williamsburg, and is a daughter of Orson and Hannah (Burnett) Young, the latter being born in New Jersey and came to Clermont with her parents as a child. She died when Sarah was five years of age. Orson Young was a native of New England, and after the death of his wife he married Miss Sarah Hall, of Williamsburg, and went to Illinois, where they had six children. He





died in Nebraska, at an advanced age. Mrs. Rhoades had one sister and two brothers who died in infancy, and two sisters who grew to maturity, one of these, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Jenkins, resides at the Rhoades home at Williamsburg.

Rev. I. N. Rhoades owned a nice farm near Batavia, which his widow still retains, and which has been leased for several years. He also owned considerable property in Illinois. He had two brothers in the Methodist ministry, one, Rev. Joseph F. Rhoades, is deceased, and the other, Rev. Leonidas Rhoades, is now in the Southern Kansas Conference. The entire family were active workers in the church. Rev. Rhoades voted the Republican ticket.

Mrs. Rhoades joined the Methodist church when she was thirteen years of age, and has always taken a most active part in church work. She still teaches a large Sabbath school class at Williamsburg.

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#### JUDGE WILLIAM R. WALKER.

William R. Walker, probate judge of Clermont county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Brown county, Ohio. He is well and favorably known in the business circles of Clermont county and Batavia, where he has been a leading factor in many and varied progressive enterprises, for the past thirty-eight years. He has won an enviable reputation as an organizer and promoter, as well as in his chosen profession, showing great versatility and efficiency in all that he deemed worthy of his consideration.

On September 12, 1853, at New Hope, in Brown county, occurred the birth of William R. Walker, a son of James and Mary Jane (Dowdney) Walker.

James Walker was born at Geogtown, Ohio, in 1821, and was a harness maker and saddler of New Hope for many years. He had several brothers, one of whom was Thomas, a soldier, the father of Capt. John Walker, who was a nephew of Colonel Fyffe, and a West Point student and Federal officer. James Walker was a staunch Democrat, although he never accepted of any office for the party. Of fraternal orders he was a member of two; the Masonic and the Odd Fellows. For many years he was a consistent member of the Christian Union church. Mary Jane (Dowdney) Walker was born at Bethel, Ohio, in 1824, and was a daughter of William



O. Dowdney, whose mother was a Reed, and who was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., who came to old Clermont county in pioneer days. The grandfather of Judge William R. Walker. John Walker, was a native of New Jersey. He was a merchant of Bethel, and latterly of Georgetown, and in both of these places he conducted a hotel in addition to his regular business. Mrs. Walker had three brothers: Judge Samuel Dowdney, who was a prominent lawyer and politician, serving as probate judge and State Senator for two terms, having been elected by the Democratic party; a younger brother was a soldier of the Civil war, and Christopher Dowdney, of Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Walker was a devoted member of the Christian Union church. Her death occurred in 1900, in her seventy-sixth year, her husband having passed away in 1891.

John Walker was a pioneer of Texas, and located there in the early 40's. He owned many thousand acres of land in Texas and conducted an extensive merchandise business, transporting to New Orleans. As the traveling facilities of those days were very poor it was necessary to walk the distance on the return trip. He married a Miss Graham, whose father was a Frenchman and whose mother was from Pennsylvania. John Walker was a contemporary of General Grant's father and his son, James, and General Grant were boyhood friends.

Judge William R. Walker was reared and educated in Brown county until he was twenty years of age. He received a good schooling and when prepared, read law with Judge Dowdney, being admitted to the bar in 1878. He has practiced law continuously since with the exception of the years spent in office. He filled the unexpired term of Sheriff Burvinger, and has filled the office of probate judge since 1909. His services in the latter capacity have been satisfactory in all respects, having the commendation of his fellow citizens.

Besides his professional interests, Judge Walker has given his attention to many commercial enterprises. He organized the Building & Loan Company of Batavia, of which he served as secretary and attorney for twenty-four years. He also helped to organize the Jones Heel Manufacturing Company of Batavia, and in this concern he has large holdings. This company has, beside the plant at Batavia, factories at Williamsburg and Dayton, Ohio. At present, he is president and a stockholder on the Batavia Realty Company, who have recently completed the finest brick business block in Batavia.





William R. Walker has one brother and one sister living: A. R. Walker, who was a lawyer, instructor and merchant for many years before he retired from active service, and Miss Nellie E. Walker, who lives at Felicity, Ohio.

The marriage of Judge Walker to Miss Anna Ashburn, a sister of Dr. A. W. Ashburn, occurred in Clermont county in 1879. Mrs. Walker is a native of Clermont county, having been born at Batavia. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of four children:

Miss Elizabeth, who is living at home.

Mary Louise, who is the wife of A. E. Keen, residing at North College Hill.

Miss Marjorie A., graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University, class of 1912.

Penn A. is attending the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Judge Walker has always been a Democrat, and is a member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an active worker. Judge Walker is a popular citizen, having many warm friends, both socially and in business circles.

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### FLETCHER BUSHMAN.

Mr. Fletcher Bushman is well and favorably known in Clermont county, Ohio, because of his activities along the lines of general farming and stock raising, and as a carpenter and builder. He resides on a fine farm near Point Pleasant, in Monroe township. He is a native of the county, his birth having taken place on June 13, 1855, and with the exception of seven years spent in Shelby county, Ohio, he has been a resident here. He is a son of William Henry and Drucilla (Houseman) Bushman. The former was a contracting carpenter and boat builder.

William Henry Bushman was born in Campbell county, Kentucky, near Belmont (now Mentor), in 1812, and passed from this life in 1882. His parents, Henry and Sophia (De Moss) Bushman, came to Clermont county between the years of 1800 and 1812, locating in Monroe township. They came, early in 1800, down the Ohio by flat boat, stopping at Belmont (now Mentor), Ky., where he was employed building water wheels, dams and mill races; also cut stones for grinding grain. They secured many hundreds of acres of what was called





"Military Land," and there they resided until the death of Henry, which occurred in 1835, in the sixty-ninth year of his life. His wife died in 1837. William H. Bushman had the following brothers and sisters: David, Daniel, John, Lewis, Isaac, Abraham, Katherine (Clark), Elizabeth (Leyfield), and Barbara (Seaton).

Drucilla (Houseman) Bushman was a native born Virginian, her birth occurring March 17, 1815, and her death in 1899. She was a daughter of David Houseman, and was one of six children, five daughters and one son. The names of the others are, John Peter, Mary, Barbara, Susan and Millie. David Houseman had one sister, Catherine, who married Peter De Moss.

Fletcher Bushman was one of nine children:

Millie Ann, married Franklin Fridman, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

Miss Frances, who was born in 1836, died in September, 1884.

David H., a resident farmer of Shelby county, Ohio, where he has lived since 1865. He was born January 9, 1840; married Catherine Elliott. David H. and wife have one son and three daughters, Joseph, Mary, Ida and Clara.

Isaac Benton, was born October 21, 1842, and died January 12, 1901.

William Albert was born March 25, 1846, and is residing at the Fletcher Bushman home in Monroe township.

Clayton, died in infancy on July 1, 1851, aged ten months and eleven days.

Mary L. was born June 13, 1852, and died November 23, 1878.

Fletcher, of this mention.

Elon, born August 25, 1859, died October 14, 1883.

Fletcher Bushman acquired his mental training in the public schools and at Parker's Academy, after which he spent seven years in Shelby county, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Ida Burmeister, February 27, 1884. Her birth took place at New Bremen, Auglaise county, Ohio, September 2, 1863, she being a daughter of Henry and Louise (Teabus) Burmeister, both of whom were born at Rehna Mechlinburg Schrewen, Germany. They came to America in 1862, soon after their marriage, and settled in Auglaise county, Ohio. The father was born July 27, 1837, and is residing near Piqua, Miami county, Ohio. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in



the Federal army. The mother was born August 8, 1836, and died October 29, 1898. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are still living: Mrs. Bushman; George, a farmer of Miami county, Ohio, and Tillie, who married Patrick Mulligan, a farmer of Miami county, Ohio.

Mrs. Bushman received her education in Shelby county, Ohio, where she was reared to young womanhood.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bushman there have been seven children:

Bessie, who was born December 10, 1884, at Point Pleasant, Clermont county, is the wife of John Thomas West, a farmer residing in Warren county, Ohio, near Loveland. They have one daughter, Mary Gladys, born April 6, 1909, at Wyatt, Mo.

Sidney M., who was born two miles southwest of Anna, Ohio, August 26, 1886, is at home.

Bonnie Blanche, born near Anna, Shelby county, Ohio, March 18, 1888, is the wife of John Sylvester, of Valparaiso, Ind.. They were married June 12, 1912.

Elsie Floy, was born near Anna, Shelby county, Ohio, October 22, 1890.

Louise Charlotte, born at 1209 Main avenue, Sidney, Ohio, April 5, 1892, at home.

Matilda Ann, born at Point Pleasant, Clermont county, October 18, 1894, is the wife of Irwin Guynn, and they have one daughter, Lenora Margaret.

Leonidas Henry, born at the old home farm in Monroe township, March 15, 1909, is at home.

Mr. Bushman is an independent, progressive Democrat, and has served his township as justice of the peace for two terms, also as notary public for three terms. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Oken Council, No. 228, of Moscow, Ohio. Mrs. Bushman is a member of the Daughters of America, Magnolia Council, No. 36, of Moscow, Ohio. They are both members of the Mt. Zion Christian Church, to which Mr. Bushman has contributed largely.

When Mr. Bushman's grandfather left West Virginia on a flat boat, floating down the Ohio river, their intended destination was Bowling Green, Warren county, Kentucky, but on account of sickness they stopped at Belmont, Ky. The grandfather bought and received a deed for six hundred and forty acres of land, where Bowling Green now stands. On this he paid taxes many years. Some times there would come along a traveler and tell him the land was worthless, and he would





quit paying the taxes. Another would come along and tell him the land was valuable and he would then redeem it and pay the taxes again. After the death of the grandfather no one would pay the taxes for a number of years. Later when the heirs concluded to pay the taxes they found it had been sold and had been neglected so long that it could not be redeemed.

Mr. Bushman in looking over his father's day-book notes a few entries that shows that the prices of coffins in the earlier days ranged from \$2.50 to \$8.00. He also remembers well when the cooking for the family was done by the open fireplace of early times. Pots and kettles hung over the fire by a long, swinging, iron crane, and the baking was done by means of the "Old Dutch Oven," and he remembers well when the first cook stove was brought home to take the place of the brick ovens.

The family raised the flax and the wool from which the clothing and necessary bedding was made, being made up almost entirely by the members of the household, his mother being an expert in spinning with the large wheel, as well as the small flax wheel. She was also an expert knitter and nearly up to the time of her death did the knitting for the family. She made her own tallow candles and used the old grease lamp.

In the preparation of the flax it had to be threshed, then the straw spread out to rot, then put through the breaking machine, hackled, carded, spun and woven into cloth.

Mr. Bushman also furnishes the following family record:

Henry Bushman, born March 14, 1768, died April 18, 1835. Sophia (DeMoss) Bushman, born February 14, 1769, died May 27, 1837. They left Martinsburg, Berkeley county, West Virginia, between the years 1800 and 1812.

Peter DeMoss and Catherine Houseman were married May 27, 1777. He was born November 11, 1752, and she was born September 16, 1758. She was a sister of David Houseman, whose son, John J. Houseman, died November 16, 1854.

Catherine (Bushman) Clark was the grandmother of Col. Henry C. Corbin.

Millie Houseman was married twice, first to a Mr. Stevens, second to a Mr. Clawson, of Booneville, Cooper county, Missouri.

Mary Houseman married Christopher Pampell, of Port Jefferson, Shelby county, Ohio. They have the following living



children: G. W. Pampell, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Leonidas Pampell, Vermilion, Kan.; John Pampell, Detroit, Mich.; P. H. Pampell, Galena, Mo., and Mrs. Drucilla Bercaw, Mason, Warren county, Ohio.

Barbara Houseman, who died December 30, 1878, was never married.

Susan Houseman, who died March 11, 1847, was married first to a Mr. Foulder, by whom she had one daughter, Addie, who married L. M. Crawn, Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio. Susan, second husband was a Mr. Brenner, by whom one daughter, Elizabeth, who married G. W. Ralls, of Nicholasville, Clermont county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ralls have three daughters, Grace, Addie and Minerva, the last mentioned marrying Charles Calhoun, of Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio.

David H. Bushman, brother of Fletcher Bushman, married Catharine Elliott, March 10, 1865, of Shelby county, Ohio. He died very suddenly at his home, Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, Sunday morning, June 8, 1913, aged seventy-three years and six months.

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### JOHN COSLETT.

For many years the late Mr. John Coslett, whose death occurred April 13, 1910, was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Brown county, Ohio. He was a native of Brown county, his birth having occurred May 2, 1839, in Union township, where, in 1831, his parents, John and Sarah (Potts) Coslett, settled.

John Coslett, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania and was by occupation a miller. From 1855, he owned and operated a mill known as the "Franklin Mill," which, after his demise, was operated by his son, John, Jr. His wife, Sarah (Potts) Coslett, was a native of Brown county.

John Coslett, the subject of this review, was reared and resided on the farm in Union township during his entire life, and was well educated. After his father's death, he conducted the mill until September, 1903, when it was destroyed by fire. After this event, Mr. Coslett devoted his entire attention to the farm, which since his death, is operated by his widow and the family.

On November 17, 1871, Mr. John Coslett was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Hannah Haas, who was born in





Adams county and is a daughter of Gottlieb and Hannah (Plummer) Haas, who were of German nativity, and their marriage took place in the old country. They came to America, locating first in Adams county, Ohio, where they remained for some years, and later settled in Brown county. Mrs. Coslett was but ten years of age when she was deprived of her mother. Her father died in the year 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. She has three brothers living; one in Brown county; one in Adams county, and one at Columbus.

In 1863, Mr. John Coslett entered Company I, Eleventh regiment, Ohio cavalry, in the defense of his country, at the time of the Civil war, and at the close of his services was given an honorable discharge at Fort Laramie.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Coslett were eleven children, and with the exception of one in the West, all are residents of Brown county.

Mr. Coslett was a Democrat in politics, and was always active in the interests of his party. He was at one time candidate for sheriff of Brown county, and also served on the board of education. His fraternal connections were with the Knights Pythias, and the Grand Army of the Republic. The religious belief of the members of Mr. Coslett's family were of the Methodist faith.

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### HON. JAMES E. McKEVER.

One of the most prominent, and at the same time versatile business men of Clermont county, is Hon. James E. McKeever, who is the alert, courteous cashier of the Williamsburg First National Bank, which organization was opened for business, April 19, 1911, with the following officers:

President, N. T. Dailey; Vice-President, J. H. White; Cashier, James E. McKeever; Board of Directors, N. T. Dailey, J. H. White, M. N. Glancy, L. F. Hulick, J. A. Hugo, Dr. J. P. Allen, J. M. Davidson, G. H. Leeds, J. A. Dyer.

This is the first National bank established in Williamsburg and it is capitalized at \$25,000. The banking company erected the building which, with the two lots, is owned by the company.

Hon. James E. McKeever was born February 18, 1856, and and was educated in this county, also taking a business course at Lebanon, Ohio. He entered upon his career in the busi-





ness world as a farmer and trader, in connection with his brothers, Charles P. McKeever, William E. McKeever and E. C. McKeever, and was thus occupied until he engaged with them in the stock business, in which they made a specialty of fine horses. For three years Mr. McKeever was engaged in the real estate business, being associated with Mr. C. H. Lockwood.

In the fall of 1879 Mr. McKeever was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Steward, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, and is a daughter of W. N. and Melissa (Malott) Steward, residents of Brown county, near Williamsburg. Mr. Steward was a general merchant at Crosstown and the mother is deceased.

In political matters Mr. McKeever is a Democrat and has served as supervisor and is now president of the Board of Affairs, of which he has been a member for the past six years. He was elected to the legislature in 1885 to 1887.

Mr. McKeever is a member of Clermont Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a past worshipful master. He is also past worthy patron of the Eastern Star, and in November, 1912, was elected for a third term. Mrs. McKeever is also a member of that organization.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McKeever are widely and favorably known in the community where they make their home and a friendly spirit has rendered their home a hospitable one, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by many who know them.

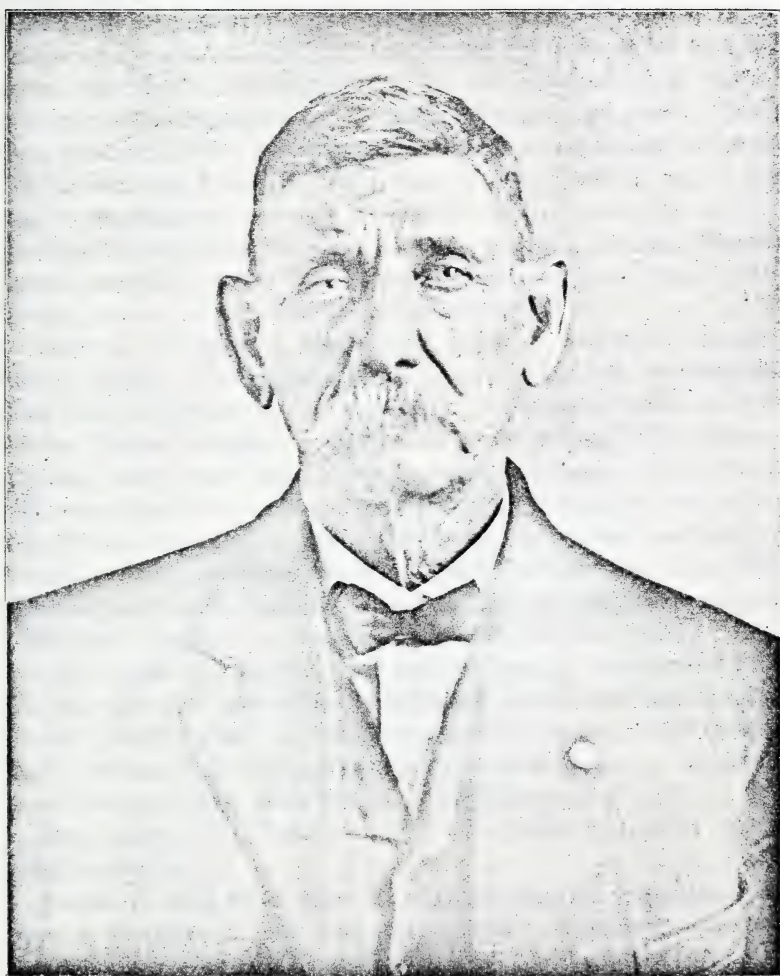
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### GEORGE W. SLADE.

Mr. George W. Slade, a most highly esteemed resident of Williamsburg, Ohio, where he now lives a retired life, enjoying the fruits of years of industry and frugality, is one of the best known farmers of Clermont county, Ohio. He was born near Batavia, this county, September 25, 1841, his parents being Ezekiel and Susanna (Monday) Slade.

Ezekiel Slade was born in Brown county, at Georgetown, in 1819, and removed to Clermont county as a young man, following the occupation of farming until his marriage, after which event he engaged in the mercantile business, at Concord, Williamsburg township, being thus employed until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in and recruited





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Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was appointed lieutenant on the 9th of August, 1862, serving until he became ill, and was discharged on account of disability. As soon as he was able he recruited another, Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and served from May 2, 1864, to September 9, 1864, at which time he was discharged, having served during the One Hundred Day Service as first lieutenant of his company. He took part in many important engagements, but was so fortunate as never to have been wounded. Returning from the war, Ezekiel Slade traded his mercantile business for a farm in Batavia township, which was practically his home until his demise, which occurred at Williamsburg, March 5, 1900, past eighty years of age. He was a Republican, serving as trustee of the township and as justice of the peace for over twenty years. He was also an active member of the Methodist church for many years. His father was a farmer, living in Kentucky.

Susanna (Monday) Slade was born in Clermont county, Ohio, March 7, 1823, and died August 18, 1897, at Batavia. She was prominent in the Methodist church and was a daughter of James Monday, a native of New Jersey. He was orphaned at an early age, his parents dying from yellow fever. He was bound out as a child and was too young to remember his proper name. He ran away from his master and hid on board a ship, probably in New York harbor, and was later discovered by the captain, who was kind to him, naming him "Monday" because of the day on which he was found. Later he was taken by another man and his family, who reared him. He married and resided in New Jersey, later removing to Clermont county, where he was a successful farmer. His daughter, Susanna (Monday) was one of several children, of whom now living is Mrs. Ann Willis, of Williamsburg.

Mr. George W. Slade is one of six children, one of whom died in infancy.

James H. was born April 3, 1843, of Batavia township, and was a member of the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving three years during the Civil war. He was never seriously injured, although he had the tip of one finger shot off.

John William, was born March 14, 1845, and died May 4, 1848.

Sarah Elizabeth, was born July 26, 1849, became the wife of F. M. Duckwall, residing now at Abilene, Kan.

Andrew M., was born August 3, 1854, a resident of Brown county, Ohio.



Our subject was reared mainly in Williamsburg township, his home at the beginning of the Civil war, and he enlisted at the first call for three years' service, in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, being mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in 1864. He was in different corps and participated in many engagements, among them being Scary Creek, West Virginia; Carnifex Ferry; the second battle of Bull Run; South Mountain; Antietam; Cloyd Mountain; and many others. He never received a wound, although his clothing was pierced with bullets. Returning from the war to his home, he, with a brother, operated the home farm, finally purchasing it and for over forty years farmed at this place. His brother, J. H., still operates it.

The marriage of Mr. G. W. Slade to Miss Olive Wilson occurred in Batavia township, September 3, 1874. Miss Wilson was born in Clermont county, January 11, 1847, and died May 8, 1891. She was a daughter of Joseph and Alice Wilson, both natives of this county. Mrs. Slade had two brothers and one sister, John, Arthur and Lavancia, all now deceased. She was an active Methodist.

On October 2, 1892, occurred the second marriage of Mr. Slade to Miss Georgia Fitzwater, who was born at Batavia, and is a daughter of Albert and Sarah (Davis) Fitzwater. Mrs. Slade has one brother, Mark, a resident of Clermont county, living between Williamsburg and Batavia, and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Burnett, of Clermont, and one sister, living in Brown county, Ohio, Mrs. G. W. McCollum; and another sister, Mrs. Rufus Davison, of Afton, Clermont county.

Of the first union of Mr. Slade there were five children, all born in Batavia township, Clermont county:

Otis A., was born on August 5, 1875. He is a street car conductor, and married Miss Bessie Shields and they are the parents of three children.

Thomas M., was born September 30, 1876, is a farmer of Batavia township. He married Miss Emma Bell Marsh, and has one daughter.

Jacob R., was born October 1, 1878, and is a farmer of Batavia township. He married Miss Lodi Brown.

Albertine, was born June 1, 1880, is the wife of Roscoe Shaw, of Williamsburg township, and has one child by a former marriage.

Susanna, was born May 30, 1883, and is the wife of Otis Kain, a farmer of Williamsburg township, and has three daughters.





One son was born to the second union of Mr. Slade, but died in infancy.

Mr. Slade is an active Republican, and is a member of the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, being now senior vice-commander. He is in addition, a member of the Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, and has filled various chairs. Mrs. Slade is a devoted member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Slade retired from the farm and removed to Williamsburg in 1904, where he is now enjoying the peace and quiet of home life after a long term spent in fruitful labor. In personal character he has always been one to command respect, and is numbered among the most honorable and upright men of Williamsburg.

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### WILLIAM D. SIMMONS.

William D. Simmons, a farmer residing at Laurel, Monroe township, is a typical and representative citizen of Clermont county, and possesses the enterprise which has made him a dominant factor in the upbuilding of the country. He was born near Laurel, July 9, 1839, and is a son of Hatton and Esther (Nichols) Simmons, the latter being a grand-aunt of the late Judge Perry H. Nichols, mentioned elsewhere in this work. She was born in 1797, in what is now the city of Cincinnati, and passed away February 16, 1864. She was thirteen years of age when her parents removed to Clermont county.

Hatton Simmons was born on Bull Skin creek, Franklin township, in 1800, and was a son of James and Sarah Simmons, the former of whom came to this locality with his father, Adam Simmons, settling in what is now Monroe township. James was a farmer and a prominent Methodist, having the pleasure of entertaining the first minister of this circuit. He died in 1855, in the seventy-fifth year of his life. To the union of James and Sarah Simmons were born ten children.

The following is a genealogy of the Simmons family in America:

John Simmons was born in England and came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, where he had many children born unto him, Adam being the youngest. Adam Sim-





mons was born in Pennsylvania, January 15, 1747. Mary Hatton was born in Pennsylvania, December 1, 1753. Adam Simmons and Mary Hatton were married November 13, 1770, in Pennsylvania.

John Simmons was born November 13, 1771; Leonard Simmons was born December 15, 1773; Benjamin Simmons was born May 31, 1776; James Simmons was born July 30, 1778; Margaret (Lakin) was born September 25, 1780; Mary (DeBruler) was born February 25, 1783; Elenor (DeBruler) was born November 29, 1785; Adam Simmons, Jr., was born July 9, 1788; Sarah (Lakin) was born October 30, 1790; Nancy (Hitch) was born October 10, 1793; Elizabeth (Lakin) was born July 15, 1797.

Sarah Evans was born in May, 1775, and married to James Simmons. William Simmons was born June 2, 1798; Hatton Simmons was born July 26, 1800; Mary (Nichols) was born December 22, 1802; Elisha B. Simmons was born February 13, 1805; James Simmons was born June 15, 1807; Leonard Simmons was born January 3, 1810; Elenor A. Simmons was born April 10, 1812; John B. Simmons was born June 15, 1814; Benjamin H. Simmons was born May 12, 1819.

William D. Simmons is one of five children, of which but one sister, Hannah E., who resides at Laurel, is living. The others were, James Robert Hobson, Nathan Nichols, and Sarah Ann.

William D. Simmons was reared to young manhood in Monroe township, and received a good common school education. Having been trained to farm life he has followed that line of occupation to the present time. Until recently he owned some one hundred acres of fine farm land near Laurel:

Mr. Simmons was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Allen, who was born July 4, 1848, in Oxford, Butler county, Ohio, a daughter of Simeon and Rebecca (Ross) Allen, the latter of whom was born in 1824, and was a daughter of James and Vashti (Bowers) Ross, who came to this locality early in the Nineteenth century. Rebecca was the youngest of thirteen children and died in 1901. Simeon Allen was born in Massachusetts, September 3, 1819, and died in 1869. He came with his parents to the vicinity of Cincinnati, where he passed away.

Mrs. W. D. Simmons is one of three children:

Harriet, married George Price, and died in 1879.

Charles J. has been in the mining business for many years in Portland, Ore.



Mrs. Simmons has resided in Clermont county since she was sixteen years of age, attending the schools of the county and at Cincinnati, having as a teacher, the late John Hancock. She taught several terms of school in Clermont county. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Simmons has been blessed by four children:

Bertha Allen, who is the wife of Morton H. McNeill, a farmer of Monroe township. They have two daughters—Ruth Winnifred and Dorothy Allen.

Charles, a farmer of Laurel, married Elizabeth McNeill. They have one son, Charles, Jr.

Harriet Esther, married George Mofford, of Milford, Ohio. They are the parents of one daughter, Gladys Evelyn.

Anna Rebecca is Mrs. Franklin Tatman, of Salt Air, Clermont county.

Mr. Simmons is a staunch Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was a member of the State guard, subject to call at any time during the War of 1861-65, being called out in 1864 and served through the remainder of the war in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, under Capt. Archie McNair.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are devoted members of the Methodist church, he being a steward and trustee of the Laurel church. He is also a member of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Association at Laurel, which was organized in the early '60s.

The success in the battle of life which Mr. Simmons has achieved is due to his strict attention to whatever business he had to do, and with the help of his estimable wife has been rewarded with a substantial competence. His dealings with his fellowmen are just and honorable, and he is a gentleman in every sense of the word.

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### NATHANIEL T. DAILEY.

Williamsburg takes pride in including among its foremost citizens the subject of this sketch, Mr. Nathaniel T. Dailey, who, for the past twenty-seven years has been most prominent in the business circles of the town, where he has conducted a finely and fully equipped undertaking business. He is a native son of Clermont county, his birth having occurred





in Monroe township, six miles northeast of New Richmond, in 1856, a son of Rev. Nathaniel and Emeline Dailey.

Rev. Nathaniel Dailey was born in New Jersey in 1808 and died in 1885 in Clermont county. He came with his father, Rev. Evi Dailey, to Clermont county in 1814, where the family settled on a farm near Batavia. Rev. Nathaniel Dailey was a local minister of the Methodist church and an ordained elder for life, and from the age of twenty-three years to his death, at the age of seventy-seven years, he was actively engaged in preaching the Gospel. During his ministry he preached more funeral sermons than any other minister in this section of the country. In connection with the ministry Rev. Dailey was an active agriculturalist, having secured a fine farm in the county. He was thrice married and was the father of twelve children. The first union was to Elizabeth Winans, and to them were born eight children, of whom two sons and one daughter are now living.

Mr. O. W. Dailey, of Williamsburg.

Benjamin Dailey, of Ringgold, Ga.

Mrs. Mollie Rogers, a widow residing at Bethel, Ohio.

The second union was with Emeline Dailey, very distantly related. She was born in New Jersey, January 23, 1819, and accompanied her parents, Rev. David and Mary (Driver) Dailey, to Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1821. Rev. David Dailey was born April 3, 1761, and on February 14, 1799, married Mary Driver, who was born January 2, 1781. They are buried at Cheviot cemetery, near Cincinnati, their home for years. They were the parents of nine children, Emeline being the youngest. She died about 1870, having been the mother of four children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are:

Nathaniel T. Dailey, of this mention.

Mrs. Emma D. Baber, a resident of California. Mr. Baber was a teacher at Lebanon, Ohio, as was his wife.

Rev. Nathaniel Dailey was a son of Rev. Evi Dailey, also a Methodist minister, who was born in 1774 and died at the age of fifty-five years, in 1829. He is buried at Old Bethel cemetery, having spent fifteen years in the county. He was a carpenter and builder, also a brick-mason, being a fine mechanic. He was also an energetic farmer, securing a splendid farm in the county.

After he had received a preliminary education in the common schools of the county, Nathaniel T. Dailey learned the carriage painting trade, which he followed for eight years with



great success. He then embarked in the undertaking business at Nicholasville, and has taken courses of study in undertaking under F. A. Sullivan, J. H. Clark and Dr. Carl Barnes, and received a State license.

On October 15, 1885, Mr. Dailey came to Williamsburg, where he has had a better opportunity for advancement in his line of work. He has here builded a most flattering patronage and has one of the best and most fully equipped establishments in this part of the State. He is president of the First National Bank, of Williamsburg, being one of the organizers, in April, 1911.

On March 22, 1877, Mr. Dailey was united in marriage to Miss Louie Banks, who was born in Clermont county, and is a daughter of Houghton and Frances (Smith) Banks. The latter was born June 5, 1836, and resides at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dailey. Mr. and Mrs. Banks were of the early settlers of Hamilton and Clermont counties, and Mr. Banks passed away several years since. Mrs. Dailey is one of three children:

Mrs. Anne Hancock, of Lebanon, Ohio,

Walter, died in boyhood.

Mrs. Dailey was reared and educated in Hamilton county, Ohio.

An uncle of our subject, Dr. David T. Dailey, of Cincinnati, was born June 26, 1809, and practiced at 365 West Court street, Cincinnati, for many years. During the Civil war he was a medical student and practitioner and gave his services throughout the entire war. He received his diploma in February, 1865.

In politics, Mr. Dailey is a staunch Republican, and has served two terms as councilman. He is a staunch advocate of temperance and is very active in all movements for the cause of temperance. In fraternal circles, Mr. Dailey is widely and favorably known, having connection with numerous orders. He has membership in the Angola Lodge No. 231 and Angola Encampment No. 248, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past grand chief patriarch and past deputy chief patriarch. He is past district deputy grand master of District C, Clermont county. He holds membership in the Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dailey are members of the Order of Eastern Star, Celestine chapter No. 185, of Williamsburg, Mrs. Dailey having filled





some of the chairs. Mrs. Dailey is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, Lodge No. 203, and of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 117, of Williamsburg, having served as president of the latter organization. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Dailey is an energetic worker and supporter.

Mr. Dailey has one of, if not the most complete collection of horns in the country, one that would be the pride of any natural history society or museum. Among this interesting collection are three magnificent pairs of elk horns, twelve-prong; one pair of sacred cow; two pairs of Mexican lambs; one pair of Mazama or Rocky Mountain sheep; several native and one pair of wild goat horns from Africa, Alaska, Switzerland and elsewhere; one pair of Buffalo horns measuring thirty-two inches; horns of water buffalo, deer from the Philippines, our native deer, antelope, and cattle of many kinds. Among Texas cattle are horns measuring nearly four feet, and one pair of Brazilian steer horns that measures seven feet and two inches from tip to tip. In Mr. Dailey's collection are many interesting Indian tools and weapons. He has also a fine collection of swords, pistols and muskets.

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### PHILIP CHATTERTON.

The death of Mr. Philip Chatterton, at his home in Williamsburg, Ohio, in 1897, removed from Clermont county a man who had been identified with its interests for more than three-quarters of a century, and was one of the most prominent and useful citizens of the great State of Ohio. Mr. Chatterton was a native of New York, his birth having taken place there in 1806, his parents being Jacob and Abigail (Bates) Chatterton.

Jacob Chatterton was born in New York, in 1780, and was a militiaman before the war of 1812, in which he served for about one year. When he was called for the war of 1812 his wife decided that he must have a new suit, and in accordance with the methods of those days, a dark sheep was caught, the wool washed and carded, and being spun into yarn, was woven into cloth. A suit was then made, the good wife having worked day and night to finish the garments in time. In 1815 Jacob brought his family to Ohio, coming down the





Ohio river by flatboat, and landing at Chilo, Clermont county. A few years later he secured one hundred and twelve acres of land between Williamsburg and Bethel, which he cleared and developed, and followed farming as an occupation during his active life. In later life, however, Jacob retired and built a comfortable home on the pike at Clover Church, where he and his wife spent their declining years. They were devout members of the Chirstian church, Mrs. Chatterton being a great reader of the Bible, in which she was extremely well informed. Mr. Chatterton passed away in August, 1860, in the eightieth year of his life. They became the parents of Abigail, Philip, James, Alvin, Benjamin, Aaron and Horatio.

Philip Chatterton spent the first nine years of his life in New York and came with his parents to Ohio in 1815 and received the education accorded the children of those days, after which he engaged in teaching for a number of years, at twelve dollars per month. He later secured and cleared a large farm near his father's, and during the remainder of his active life followed the business of farming most successfully, becoming one of the substantial men of the county.

In 1832, Mr. Chatterton married Miss Mary Ann Reed, who was born near Bethel, this county, in 1810, and was a daughter of John and Mehetable (Kanaam) Reed, old residents of Clermont, who came from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively.

In the family of Philip and Mary Ann (Reed) Chatterton were ten children:

William, who was born in 1833, died in 1910. He was a soldier in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served in the one hundred-day service. He was a resident farmer of Williamsburg township and married Lavanha Poole, now deceased. They became the parents of three daughters, who also are deceased.

Alvin, who until his retirement was a farmer, died at his home at Fairfield, Iowa, April 10, 1913. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in the First Iowa cavalry, and spent four years in the service. He married Miss Sherman, of Ohio, and they had five children, four of whom are still living.

Ezra, of Williamsburg, was also a soldier, and served exactly thirty-seven months, having enlisted in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and



others. A more complete mention appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Orlestus served three years in the Civil war, in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteers, and was for many years a resident of Clermont county, but during the last fifteen years of his life made his home at Salt Lake City. He never married.

John R. was a soldier in Company H, Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteers, and was taken ill and died at Nashville, Tenn., in 1864.

Amanda died in 1862, as a young lady, and was not married.

Mehetable married Benton H. Medary, both now deceased. They resided on the old home farm and left a family of five children, four of whom are residing near.

Lucinda died in infancy.

Barton married Sophronia Burk and they became the parents of one daughter, Ethel, who is the wife of William Elrod, the druggist, of Williamsburg.

Charles P., whose sketch will appear elsewhere.

Mr. Philip Chatterton, like his father, was a strong Abolitionist, and was one of the operators of the famous "underground railroad." He was a Whig in politics early in life, but became a Republican in later years. He served as township trustee and retired from the farm and active labors, residing during his declining years at Williamsburg. Mr. Chatterton was devoted to his family and his home and was esteemed by his friends and neighbors.

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### CHARLES P. CHATTERTON.

Mr. Charles P. Chatterton, who for many years has been prominently identified with the business life of Williamsburg, Ohio, is a general merchant of that place, handling groceries, hardware and queensware. He has been in business for the past twenty-five years and enjoys a liberal patronage. He was born in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, September 8, 1854, and is a son of Philip and Mary Ann (Reed) Chatterton.

Mr. Charles Chatterton was reared on the parental farm and was properly educated in the common schools of the vicinity of his home, after which he attended the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School. When twenty years of age he entered upon





the business of farming for himself and for four years continued along these lines.

In 1875 Mr. Chatterton became the husband of Miss Lorisa Kain, a daughter of J. W. Kain, and then engaged in the management of the home farm, continuing until in 1878, when he removed to Williamsburg, engaging in the flouring-mill business, associated first with three others, his father, Philip Chatterton, W. L. and W. A. Kain, and later with the late Dan K. Peterson. In 1887 Mr. Chatterton sold out his mill interests and engaged in the mercantile business, which has occupied his attention to the present time, buying out Mr. D. K. Peterson. He has increased his business and is assisted by his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatterton are the parents of four children:

Orlestus, who is his father's assistant, married Bertha Wean, and they have two sons, Victor, aged sixteen years, and Harold W., aged ten years.

Estelle died at the age of sixteen months.

Edna died at the age of two and one-half years.

Ramona is fifteen years of age and is at home attending school.

Politically, Mr. Chatterton is always Republican. Socially, a member of the Masonic order and of the Eastern Star, of which he went through the chairs and was worshipful master three years and district lecturer for Brown and Clermont counties for three years. He was first worthy patron of Eastern Star, Chapter Celestine, No. 185, of which Mrs. Chatterton is also a member, and religiously both are members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Chatterton is well known in Williamsburg as an energetic and reliable business man, well qualified to conduct his extensive business affairs. While devoting his energies to the welfare of his family, he has never been found wanting in public spirit, and is rightly judged one of the representative men.

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### EZRA CHATTERTON.

Mr. Ezra Chatterton, who has been a valued citizen of Williamsburg, Ohio, since July 25, 1908, has been a resident of Clermont county since his birth, January 31, 1837, and belongs to a family which has long been conspicuous for its extensive



agricultural operations. His parents were Philip and Mary Ann (Reed) Chatterton.

The education of Mr. Chatterton was acquired in the schools of Clermont county and also at the academy at College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. He decided on agriculture as an occupation early in life and immediately after the close of the Civil war purchased a farm adjoining the home farm, where he resided until his removal to Williamsburg.

On January 27, 1865, Mr. Chatterton was united in marriage to Miss Isaphine Everhart, who was born at Williamsburg, January 27, 1845, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Peterson) Everhart, both natives of Clermont county, the former having been born in 1805 and died in 1853, and the latter, whose birth occurred in 1806, died in 1870. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are:

John, who was a soldier in the Civil war, in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, served about one year, when he lost his health and died about 1869, at Williamsburg.

Ora was in the three months' service in the Civil war, in the Twenty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He is a shoe merchant at Lafayette, Ind.

Mary, deceased, married Dolph Peterson, who is now a resident of Salt Lake City.

Isaphine, who is Mrs. Ezra Chatterton.

Fountain, a mute, who died many years ago in Cincinnati. He was married there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatterton have had four children in their family, who are:

Harry E., who was born February 7, 1866, married Miss Sarah Moyer, of Lancaster, Ohio. He died in December, 1896, leaving a widow and two daughters, Bertha and Lucile, all now living at Delaware, Ohio.

George Philip, born November 22, 1867, is the principal of the Youngstown, Ohio, High School, where he is a resident. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio. He was united in marriage to Miss May Abernathy, who was an Ohio lady, a daughter of a Methodist minister.

Bertha was born October 20, 1869, married John Moyer, and they are operating the farm of our subject. They have two sons, Richard E. and Robert C.





Leona, who was born November 6, 1872, married Rev. William E. Shriver, who is the pastor of the Methodist church, of Rainsboro, Ohio. Their only child died in infancy.

In politics, Mr. Chatterton is in unison with the Republican party and served for six years as township trustee. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist church. He is an example of the sturdy business man and upright citizen, and to such as he Clermont county owes its prestige.

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### O. L. PAGE.

Among the native sons of Clermont county who have found here good business opportunity, which, improved, have led to success, is numbered O. L. Page, who has been county recorder of Clermont county since 1908. That he was re-elected in 1910 is a tribute to his efficiency and popularity.

Mr. Page was born in Tate township, Clermont county, January 6, 1874, being a son of S. A. and Mary E. (Kennedy) Page, the latter being a native of Clermont county, a daughter of Samuel Kennedy. Her birth occurred in 1846, she passing away in 1878. Mr. S. A. Page is a native of Union county, Ohio, though most of his life has been spent in Clermont county.

The first fourteen years of Mr. Page's life was spent on the farm of his father in Tate township, where he obtained his early education in the district and public schools. In 1888, the the family moved to Felicity, which is still the home of the father. After the completion of his education, Mr. Page was connected with the Cincinnati shoe concern and with other activities until his marriage, April 4, 1897, to Miss Carrie L. Homan, a daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Layfield) Homan, the latter residing in Bethel. Mr. Homan died several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Page have two children, who were born in Bethel:

Mary Lucile, born March 28, 1899.

Julia Elizabeth, born May 2, 1902.

After his marriage, Mr. Page located in Bethel, where he engaged in the real estate and insurance business until he accepted his present office, handling a general line of life and fire insurance, and real estate business.





Mr. O. L. Page has one brother, John E., of Connersville, Ind., a sales manager for the Connersville Furniture Manufacturing Company, having resided there for the past twenty years. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Business College, and accepted his present position immediately after his graduation. Mr. John E. Page married a daughter of Prof. Saunders, now superintendent of schools in Connersville. They have two children—Elizabeth Ann and Mary Frances.

A baby sister of Mr. O. L. Page died in infancy.

In political views, Mr. Page is a Democrat, and has served his party in the various local offices, in the capacity of a member of the school board and of public affairs.

Mr. Page is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bethel. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is loyal in citizenship at all times, reliable in business and faithful in friendship. The strong and salient traits of his character are those which in every land and clime awaken confidence and respect.

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### JOSEPH F. KNIGHT.

Joseph F. Knight, who is actively interested in several important enterprises at Williamsburg, Ohio, was born in Clermont county, near Branch Hill, Batavia township, September 4, 1849. He is one of the three children born to John and Catherine (Ogden) Knight, the other two being George L., who is a contractor and general mechanic in Pleasant Ridge, Ohio, and Mrs. Martha McNutt, who died leaving her husband, Obediah McNutt, and two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Frank McLean, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. John Hamilton, of St. Louis, Mo.

John Knight was born in 1817 at Frederick, Md. With his twin brother, Joseph, he went to Texas, where they were in the government employ among the Indians. Joseph remained in Texas, where his descendants still are located, but John went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he married and located on a farm in what is now Batavia township, where he was very successful and soon acquired a farm. To John and Mary (Davis) Knight one son was born, William Knight, who died when about sixty-five years of age, leaving a widow in Sardinia, Ohio, who still carries on the undertaking and furnish-



ing business, in which he was engaged; also two sons and four daughters who reside in Clermont and Brown counties.

Catherine (Rogers) Ogden, who, as before mentioned, was the second wife of John Knight, was also formerly married, her first husband being Daniel Ogden. To this union two children were born: Ormel Ogden, who died in the army, and Mrs. Ella Hines, of Williamsburg, widow of Rev. William E. Hines, former minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of the Cincinnati conference until his death in June, 1892.

Joseph F. Knight, our subject, has resided at or near Williamsburg since he was four years of age, except the two years he farmed in Preble county, Ohio. He followed the farming business until he was twenty-five years of age. Since then he has made himself very prominent as a business man. He spent some fifteen years in the mercantile business at Williamsburg. He was interested for eight years in the brick plant and has been president of the Williamsburg Furniture Company for years, of which company he was also manager until recently. He has been one of the six owners and directors of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Williamsburg, a private institution, since its organization as the successor of the Lockard Banking Company. He is also interested in and is a director of the Building & Loan Company, and also of the Williamsburg Home Telephone Company. He has also been engaged in the real estate business for years, and owns property in Norwood and Pleasant Ridge and elsewhere. Mr. T. G. Foster was associated with him in the real estate business.

Our subject was married at Williamsburg to Ella M. Stockton, daughter of Volney Stockton, an early resident and chair manufacturer of Williamsburg. She died in 1881, leaving one daughter, Mrs. George Frazier, whose husband is in the mail service. In 1884 he was again married to Mrs. Centrilla (McMillan) Frazier, who by her first marriage was the mother of Charles Frazier, who is engaged with our subject in the chair business at Williamsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are the parents of one daughter, Edna B., who is a graduate of the Williamsburg schools, and is now at home.

Politically, Mr. Knight is a Republican. He has served as city alderman several years, and was for seven years a member of the board of education. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife is a member of the Rebekahs. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.





## HIRAM U. MOORE.

Hiram U. Moore, of Batavia, is a descendant of the fifth generation from Andrew Moore, who on August 3, 1723, landed at New Castle, Del., the first of his family to migrate to America. Andrew was born in June, 1688, in County Antrim, Ireland, the son of James and grandson of John Moore, who emigrated from near Glasgow, Scotland, to Ireland, in 1612.

The father of H. U. Moore, James Canby Moore, was born April 19, 1793, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was the son of Dr. James and Ann (Starr) Moore. Dr. James was the son of Andrew, the original immigrant to America, and Margaret (Miller) Moore.

On January 3, 1820, James Canby Moore was married at St. Clairsville, Ohio, to Lucinda, daughter of John and Nancy (Nuswanger) Hines, of that place. He had removed with his parents to Belmont county, Ohio, of which county he was surveyor twenty-two years. In 1840 he moved to Clermont county, Ohio, of which county he was surveyor nine years. He owned one of the finest farms in Clermont, and for twenty-four years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was an active member of the Brotherhood of Free Masons. After a life of service as an able officer, devoted husband, and kind father, a man highly respected and honored by those who knew him, he died, October 4, 1866.

Lucinda Hines was born September 28, 1800, in Wellsburg, Va., and died at the advanced age of ninety-four years. She was a woman of rare traits of character and for over thirty years was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her parents were farmers, residents of Belmont county, Ohio.

James C. and wife were the parents of twelve children, of which H. U. is the only one living. The names of their children follow:

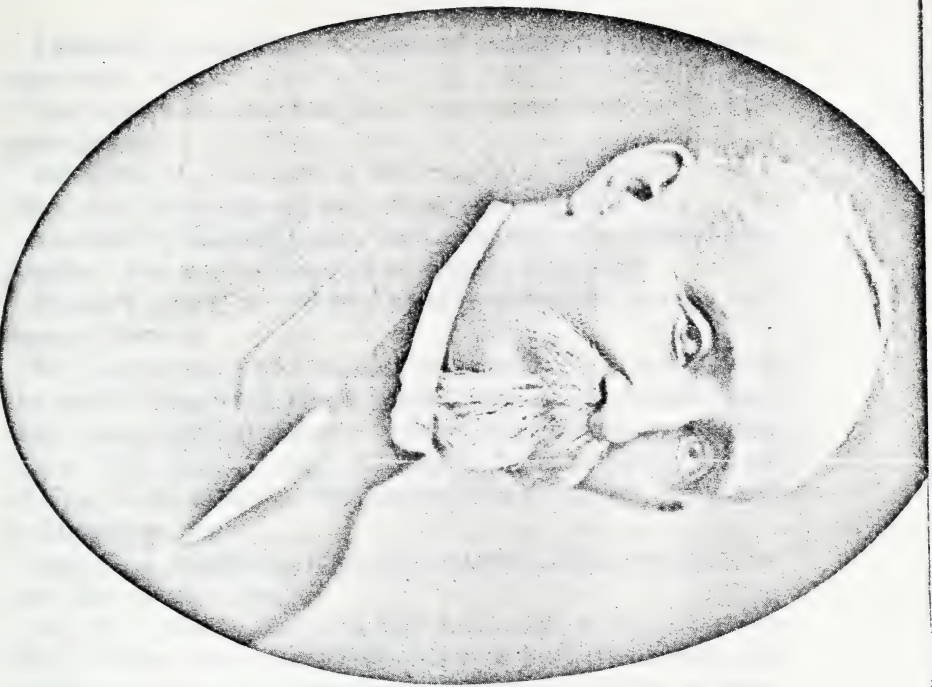
Jane Ann died at seventeen, from an accident.

John, a physician, who practiced at Moscow, and died from cholera in 1848, at the age of forty years.

James E., for years a merchant at Moscow, but later a farmer in Franklin township, who died at the age of eighty-four.

Dr. A. C., who practiced many years in Clermont county, later going to Wyoming, Hamilton county, where he died at the age of eighty-four years.





*H. U. Moore*



*Lila B. Moore*





Lysander R., a farmer of Clermont county, died at seventy-four years of age.

The next three children died from scarlet fever while still quite young.

Benjamin H., who was a blacksmith in Hamilton county, Ohio, died at the age of sixty from typhoid fever.

Lucinda C., married Louis Nash, a farmer, who resided near Amelia. She died at the age of seventy-two years.

Hiram Ulysses, our subject, aged seventy-four years, a resident of Batavia.

Dr. Eugene L., who practiced at Amelia, Ohio, and died at the age of sixty-five. His daughter, the late Mrs. Nellie Burrelle, was a brilliant literary woman, being on the staff of the "New York World," later president of the Clipping Bureau of New York, author of the famous Dewey Album. She died in December, 1911.

Jane Ann Josephine, married Lafayette Nash, and died at sixty-five years of age.

Mr. H. U. Moore was born March 22, 1838, at St. Clairsville, Ohio. When four years of age he, with his parents, removed to Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio. When eighteen years of age he started to learn the carriage maker's trade. After three years he located at Cincinnati, and spent five years more as a journeyman. In 1866 he moved to Batavia and went into partnership with W. B. C. Stirling in carriage manufacturing and the undertaking business. Later they added agricultural implements to their large stock, employing from fifteen to twenty men. The partnership existed for thirty-eight years.

October 5, 1870, our subject was married to Eliza C., daughter of William H. and Nancy (Pompelly) Banister. She was born February 21, 1849. Her parents were early pioneers of Clermont county, coming from Maine. Her father was a fine musician and teacher of music. Mrs. Moore died August 7, 1911.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore:

Dr. H. Stirling Moore, a dentist with offices in Batavia, Ohio, was married to Miss Stella Moorman, of Washington Court House, Ohio, and has one son, William S., aged eleven years.

Nancy L., wife of William E. Smith, district passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, who is located at Indianapolis. They have an infant daughter, Lida Moore.





Carrie Dorsey, wife of Fayette C. Dorsey, residing at Louisville, Ky., where Mr. Dorsey is with the Southern National Bank. Of their three children two sons are still living—Hiram Stirling, aged six years, and Fayette C., aged two.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore were both members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, he is a Democrat. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the Masonic order, and has filled the various offices of that organization.

On the 23d day of February, 1907, Mr. W. B. C. Stirling died, since which time, and up to the date of his death, on February 11, 1913, Mr. H. U. Moore carried on the undertaking business in Batavia, and his establishment was known as one of the very best in Southern Ohio. Mr. Moore has ministered in times of trouble to practically every home in a radius of several miles around Batavia, and was universally beloved by the people. He has been succeeded in his business by his son, H. Stirling Moore, an experienced undertaker.

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### THOMAS KAIN ELLIS.

An account of the ancestry of Samuel Ellis is to be found in this work in the sketch of Mrs. Ochiltree. In the first migration of that Ellis family to Ohio, George, an elder brother, is said to have come to Williamsburg in 1806; and that was the reason for the coming of the younger orphaned children at later dates. Samuel, who was born December 12, 1803, came from Virginia about 1825 and learned coopering with his brother, George, who then had a shop a little over a mile from the foot of Main street on the Boston road. Samuel Ellis located his shop on the south side of Main, between Front and Second streets, and eventually employed a number of helpers. The product of that shop was readily sold to the lower mills and in Cincinnati for the down river trade. He married Catherine Ann Kain, who was born March 1, 1808, and was the oldest daughter of Major Daniel and Elenor Foster Kain, as told in our sketch of the Kain Family.

The children of Samuel and Catherine Ellis were: George M., who was born October 15, 1830, married Mary Murphy and died October 26, 1866, leaving a son and daughter, now living in California. Eliza V., who was born June 29, 1833, married William Procter and moved to Paoli, Ind., where she



died leaving nine children. William Henry, who was born November 28, 1835, clerked several years in Cincinnati, and then served in the Union army as the drum major for an Indiana regiment, in which he lost his health, was discharged on account of sickness, and shortly after, on September 2, 1864, died in his father's house. Thomas K. was born November 3, 1839, and named for his uncle, Thomas Kain, the lame teacher. Margaret E. was born September 3, 1844, and died May 12, 1847. Charles R., the youngest, was born August 25, 1847, married Carrie Guy, and is now living on his farm near Spencer, Owen county, Indiana, with a family of seven children.

Samuel and Catherine Ellis were members of the Presbyterian church in Williamsburg during all their married life, and for several years before. The service of that church was one of constant pleasure. He was long one of the elders and took large special interest in the Sunday school, of which he was the honored superintendent more than thirty years. A life more harmoniously devoted to their ideals of duty than is remembered of these worthy people is rarely found. Each lived for the other, and the good they could do. After their other children were gone, Thomas K., on April 15, 1874, married Katie Wright, and they gave such care as made the failing days of the aging couple a fitting close for their useful lives. Catherine Ann died November 24, 1874. Then Samuel said, "My mission is done, I wish to go soon," which happened January 2, 1875.

After school days Thomas K. Ellis learned the trade of harness making. While so employed, the tidings from Fort Sumter changed him to a volunteer in the "Clermont Guards," and as such, he was mustered under the First Call for the Union army, in Company E of the Twenty-second Ohio, which helped to hold the Baltimore & Ohio railroad through Virginia. Then, in the large preparation for the great war, work at his trade was almost as important as duty in the field; yet, in the urgent call of 1864, he volunteered May 2d in Company G of the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio, and was posted until discharged, September 9th, at Big Capon, Va. After that he volunteered a third time and was mustered in Company E of the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio for one year, from February 23, 1865, for a service mainly performed in Georgia. On March 28, 1865, he was appointed second sergeant, and then first sergeant, August 16, 1865. He was recommended for promotion to second lieutenant; but before





action was taken, the regiment was discharged, January 20, 1866. Thus, for nearly five years, either in the field or in the shop, his energy was devoted to military service or to indispensable work for the Union. Since the war his trade has been followed through nice living to the pleasant possession of one of the prettiest homes in Williamsburg.

His wife, Katie Wright, is a daughter of John Harvey Wright, born October 29, 1823, and Mary Ann McNutt, born September 5, 1825, who were married February 1, 1846. They had four daughters. Laura was born January 22, 1847, married Orion E. Everhart, June 8, 1864, and is living with four sons and one daughter, all married, in Lafayette, Ind. Angie, born December 8, 1849, married William P. Terhune, and is living in Cincinnati, with two sons, both married. Katie, the third of the family, was born December 9, 1852. Attie, the youngest, was born December 25, 1856, and married Seba Noyes (deceased), and is living with one daughter in Chicago.

The ancestry of Mary Ann Wright is told in the sketch of M. F. McNutt, and the ancestry of John Harvey Wright is detailed in our sketch of the Park Family, and still further in that of the John Jenkins Family. After living a year or more, about 1836, with his uncle, Richard Wright, near Lexington, Ky., he returned and became a carpenter, but went about 1851 to keep a store in Marathon, whence he returned in 1856 to live happy in the snug home at the north side of the foot of Main street, as an honorably industrious man, as a Mason and as a consistent Methodist, all unconscious of the sad fate coming, which is the most pitiful story of all that Williamsburg suffered for the Union. But the patriotic impulse of the time could not be ignored by the capable, conscientious and rarely unselfish man.

On August 14, 1862, John Harvey Wright enlisted in Company B of the Eighty-ninth Ohio. Other defenders of the flag left parents or sisters or sweethearts for a new life of adventure and for the strange, fierce excitement of glorious war. But he, out of a strong conviction of duty, sacrificed the endearments of a comfortable home made sacred by his wife's dutiful regard and kept delightful by the mirth of four girls of tender age, who all needed his constant care. Under ordinary conditions even with the hope of great gain such a departure would have been condemned as unkind and unwise; but, in the glamour of loyal honor, the separation was applauded as the sublimity of patriotic love.



Thirteen months of unfaltering marching and guarding brought him into line with his regiment by the banks of the Chickamauga, where the grand central armies of the North and South met in the narrowest margin between defeat and victory of all the long war. On the second day of the battle, Sunday, September 20, 1863, the Eighty-ninth Ohio held the brow of Snodgrass Hill against countless batteries and charges of ever forming lines of Gray. Writers familiar with other scenes of fiercely tragic strife for a decisive point have said that few have equalled and none have excelled the Confederate assaults to gain that crest defended by men gathered largely from Clermont county. Those who saw his conduct told that Harvey Wright was calm and efficient and at his place all through that awful day, until sunset brought the defeat of the regiment which purchased immeasurable advantage for the army elsewhere. For all that afternoon and all the night after, the main Union army was wheeling around and concentrating behind that hill into the fortifications about Chattanooga. They did not know it then, and they only gave obedience to the orders that made them a sacrifice; but it is history now that if the Eighty-ninth Ohio had given way an hour earlier, the battle would have been an utter rout for the North. Instead they did all that was required, and at sunset, when too late for the weary South to advance to a further attack, the position was surrounded and then Wright and his valiant comrades passed into a captivity that shrouded his home with a numb, crushing anxiety.

Four months later, on January 25, 1864, as was told by a comrade, Henry Iler, who survived the horror, John Harvey Wright died in a rebel prison at Richmond, Va., amid the deep despair of starvation. But it was two months more before his dreadful fate was known where old associates grew sick with a realization of the possibilities of the awful strife. There is melancholy pleasure in remembering that he was a hero in the critical hour, and that he did not perish in vain. But the heroic endeavor that honors his name did not end with his life. With every nerve trembling with the unutterable woe, the mother gathered her orphaned daughters and planned for their food, raiment and education, in ways and with results that commanded unstinted sympathy and respect.

After seven years of widowhood, she married Emanuel McKeever, and then enjoyed the abundance of the McKeever farms until his death, in 1895, when she went to the home of Mrs.





T. K. Ellis, where her once clouded life closed in honor and affection, on October 3, 1905. Her ancestral faith in the Methodist church was transmitted to all her posterity.

Thomas K. and Katie Ellis have had six children. Guy Wright was born September 26, 1876, and, while growing into a handsome young manhood with bright hopes for an amiable and useful life he sickened and rather suddenly died, August 17, 1892. Jessie L. was born September 11, 1878, and died August 19, 1879. Charles Harvey was born August 15, 1880. Roy S. was born October 13, 1882, and died July 7, 1883. Laura A. was born April 26, 1886. Louie Wright was born July 23, 1889, and died July 1, 1891. Charles Harvey Ellis, the only living son of the family, has been clerking in Cincinnati since 1901, with pleasing success.

Laura A. Ellis, the only living daughter, was married June 14, 1906, to Spencer Smith Walker, who was born November 12, 1882, and is the tenth of the eleven children of Oliver E. and Elizabeth Smith Walker. O. E. Walker is mentioned in the sketch of the Kain Family, and Elizabeth Smith is a daughter of Joseph and Lovina Sherman Smith. Joseph, born July 17, 1809, at Trenton, N. J., was a son of Joseph Smith, Sr., who came to Clermont in 1814. Spencer S. and Laura A. Ellis Walker have one son, born September 4, 1908, and named Ellis Wright Walker.

Thomas K. Ellis is an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias and a Mason. Katie Wright Ellis belongs to the Rebekahs, to the Women's Relief Corps and to the Order of the Eastern Star, and has served several terms as the presiding officer of each of those societies in Williamsburg.

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### ALBERT McADAMS.

In popular usage for a hundred and twenty years in Ohio, the name of McAdams has been associated with the strong and lasting characteristics of the family and held to be an example of Irish origin. But to one who has studied the story nothing is more certain than that this usage has taken a special incident for a general condition. Because of political changes, some localities have large influence in determining the origin of families. In no place where English is spoken is this significance more positive than in the north of Ireland.





Because of their sympathy with the French in the long struggle for English supremacy, military necessity decreed the extirpation of the Irish from their strategic advantage in north Ireland. The desolated land was thus opened for a migration from Scotland devoted to the Presbyterian Faith which insured no amalgamation with the people banished southward. When those strangers in Ireland began to seek homes in America, they were called Scotch-Irish, which then explained their relations to other emigrants. After while the sharp lines of that distinction wore away, and not a few deemed themselves Irish, when, except for short residence in the transition, they were pure Scotch. Few people of equal number have had more influence in shaping America; and along the line of migration few places have been more significant of their struggle than the extreme northeastern county of Ireland, named Antrim, where John McAdams was born, May 9, 1737, and the near-by scenes of the famous siege of Londonderry, where his wife, Ann, was born, in 1750.

Ephraim, the eldest of the ten children of John and Ann McAdams, was born May 25, 1767. The other children, with date of birth, were: John, March 28, 1769; James, May 7, 1771; Katharine, September 7, 1773; Hamilton, September 20, 1777; William, September 17, 1779; Armstrong, February 23, 1786; Suter, September 11, 1790; Thomas, November 20, 1793. How many of these were born in Ireland is not known, but the family came to Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where Ephraim, on December 17, 1793, married Charity M. Birt, and in 1794 moved to Columbia, Ohio. He was a tailor by trade. On December 15, 1796, he bought the first lots sold in Williamsburg, as told on Page 206 of our History; but he did not bring his family here until 1800. The children of Ephraim and Charity, with date of birth, were: Nancy, October 30, 1794; Samuel, July 6, 1797; Hannah, February 7, 1799; Ephraim, October 13, 1800; Hamilton, February 19, 1802; Julia A., December 2, 1803; John A. and James, November 14, 1805; Catharine, April 11, 1808; Delilah, February 15, 1810. After that, Charity died.

Ephraim then married Catharine Hartman, who was born September 27, 1785. Catharine was one of the eight children of Christopher and Mary Hutchinson Hartman. Christopher Hartman was born in 1750, in Swintzburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, whence he was brought in 1753 by his father, Christopher Hartman, Sr., with three older brothers, to Philadelphia.



Christopher, Jr., served in Smallwood's regiment in the Revolution. His wife, Mary, to whom he was married in 1776, was born March 24, 1755, in Mercer county, New Jersey. In September, 1795, they moved to Lexington, Ky., and in November, 1801, to Williamsburg. In 1802 he settled on five hundred acres in what is Jackson township, where he died, March 16, 1833, and Mary, his wife, August 6, 1839. Christopher Hartman was granted a pension on May 14, 1833, for service in the Revolution in the New Jersey militia. The children of Ephraim and Catharine Hartman McAdams, with date of birth, were: Mary Ann, June 8, 1812; Thomas, June 6, 1813; William, January 5, 1815; Andrew J., October 14, 1816; Isaac Newton, March 14, 1818; Joseph Warren, August 27, 1819. After that Catharine died, and Ephraim married Martha Boyd, with whom he had Manorah, born July 21, 1821; Harvey, January 24, 1826, and Riley, March 19, 1828. Of these, eighteen lived to have families, of which some became numerous and some are extinct.

The pioneer Ephraim McAdams has frequent mention in the early annals of Clermont. On May 26, 1801, he was foreman of the second grand jury of Old Clermont, in the time of the Territory. On December 28, 1803, he was one of the first grand jury convened by the State. In June, 1804, he was a member of the next grand jury, of which Col. Robert Higgins was foreman; and, for the May term in 1806, he served on the grand jury of which Gen. William Lytle was foreman. In reading those old grand jury lists one finds that much care was used in selecting the worthiest for what they deemed an important duty. In 1808 he and his wife, Charity, were in the little band that organized the Presbyterian church in Williamsburg that met for twenty-two years in the stone court house under Rev. R. B. Dobbins. He took the first three degrees of Masonry in Clermont Social Lodge on February 9 to March 22, 1816; whereupon he was soon asked by the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder, which would he serve, the church or the lodge? It could not be both. On November 1, 1816, the lodge ordered the purchase of material for a coat for Rev. Dobbins, which was accepted, and probably fashioned by McAdams, the tailor, who remained a firm Presbyterian and a zealous Mason to his death, May 11, 1842. Nine of his name followed him into the same lodge.

Meanwhile, William, a son of Benjamin and Eleanor Smith, was born, January 3, 1772, and married Lucretia, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Johnson, who was born December





5, 1773. William and Lucretia Johnson Smith had thirteen children, named and born as follows: Eleanor, November 28, 1795; Ephraim, September 2, 1797; Elizabeth, March 28, 1799; Delilah, February 2, 1801; Benjamin Thomas, November 12, 1802; Deidaemia, April 2, 1804; Hannah, May 11, 1806; William Taylor, August 17, 1808. The family moved, in 1809, from Monmouth county, New Jersey, and settled on the Xenia road, about three miles north of Williamsburg, in what is now Jackson township, where the children born were Mahala, March 4, 1810; Johnson, October 4, 1811; Sarah, December 5, 1813; Nancy Clark, September 20, 1817, and Alonzo, August 20, 1819.

In 1812 John and Anna Lambkins White came from New York and settled near William Smith with a family, of whom several were born in Ohio, to the number of eleven, named, Ansol, Lyman, Anna, Harriet, John, Sarah, Melinda, Amanda, Lucinda, Bartlett C. and Clarissa. Of these Ephraim Smith and Amanda White were married. She, Amanda, was born May 9, 1803, and lived until April 12, 1881, but Ephraim died May 13, 1854. Their home is the last farm to the north in Williamsburg township on the Xenia road, and their children, as born and named, were: Lavanchia, December 23, 1822; Evaline, August 20, 1824; Amariah, January 10, 1826; Bolivar, January 27, 1828; Sarah Ann, December 20, 1830; Bartlett, November 2, 1832; John Harvey, August 5, 1834; Erastus C., November 5, 1836; Mary Ellen, November 23, 1841; and Melvina, September 20, 1845. All the people so far mentioned in this sketch are dead except Erastus C., who, though severely wounded at the battle of Corinth, October 4, 1862, while a soldier in Company K, of the Twenty-seventh Ohio, is a wealthy farmer in Jewel county, Kansas; and Melvina, who is in Williamsburg as the widow of Francis Hutchinson, a veteran of Company B, of the Fifth Ohio cavalry. The posterity of these families is literally scattered from ocean to ocean.

Isaac Newton McAdams, of the Hartman line, was married May 5, 1843, to Lavanchia Smith. Their children were: Harvey, born January 4, 1847; Albert, born April 4, 1849; Amanda, September 7, 1853, and died September 30, 1853; Riley, December 14, 1854, and Ephraim, March 6, 1858.

I. N. McAdams was one among the first from Clermont to cross the "Plains" to California in search of gold. The trip occupied six months with the ox trains, which so cooled his



"gold fever" that he soon returned and worked at his trade as a cooper. On September 30, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, of the Fifty-ninth Ohio, from which he was discharged on August 18, 1862, on a surgeon's certificate of disability. After that he went again to the Western gold fields, taking his son, Harvey, who has remained there. About 1867 he returned to Williamsburg, where his wife died December 30, 1880, and where he died September 28, 1891, having been an enthusiastic Mason over forty years.

Albert, second son of I. N. and Lavanchia Smith McAdams, learned the carpenter's trade, but fortunately, on November 20, 1877, ventured into the carriage trade as a traveling salesman for the once noted Davis, Gould & Co., of Cincinnati, with whom he continued thirteen years, or during the life of their business. In their employ he went to every important place in the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from northern to southern extremes. That business is still continued on broad lines and with a success that has made him the owner of several fine homes in choice places. Quite in accordance with his grandfather and father's teaching, he became a Mason, April 15, 1870, when just twenty-one years and one day old.

On August 12, 1885, he was married to Mary Gray Jones at Hillsboro, Ohio, where she had been raised and educated. But she was born in 1852 at Norfolk, Va., where her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Gray, was born, in 1824. Her father, Loren Jones, was born in New York, in 1818, and died there, in 1905. Mrs. Mary Ann Jones had two brothers in Norfolk who were each lost at sea with the ships they owned. but she died August 9, 1889, in Williamsburg. The only child of Albert and Mary Gray McAdams was born February 20, 1894, in Williamsburg, and named Joseph Loren, who is now a student in St. Xavier's College. Joseph's mother died January 15, 1905, in Norwood, where the family had moved five years before. On November 28, 1906, Albert McAdams married Katherine Friend O'Connor, one of the eight children of John and Margaret Dunn O'Connor, of Portsmouth, Ohio. They have a pleasant home on Clarion avenue in Cincinnati. Of the other children of I. N. and Lavanchia McAdams, Ephraim is not married; Riley married Ella McKibben and has Harry and Lavanchia; and Harvey, living in Nevada, has one daughter, Augusta.





## INCREASE SUMNER MORSE.

Anthony Morse and his brother, William, from Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, sailed on April 5, 1635, on the ship "James" from London, and settled in Newburyport, Mass., where he built a house on a slight eminence in a field that is still called Morse's Field. Traces of that old house are still visible. Since then, six generations with large families from that source have helped to civilize the wilderness, to build New England, to shape the fortunes of America, and to give the Nation brave men for great wars.

Benjamin, the fifth son of Anthony Morse, was born March 28, 1640, married Ruth Sawyer and became deacon of the First Church of Newbury. To his son, Philip, he made a deed of gift of his estate with the stipulation that certain sums should be paid to the brothers and sisters of Philip, who was born October 19, 1677, in that part of Newbury incorporated as Newburyport. Philip Morse married Sarah Brown, of Salisbury, and after her death he married Sarah Pillsbury. He died intestate, and his estate was administered by his sons-in-law, Col. Jonathan Buck, of Haverhill, Solomon Springer and Richard Emerson; all to be famous names in New England.

Isaac, the second son of Philip Morse, born November 5, 1714, married Jane, a daughter of Skipper and Elizabeth Lunt. Skipper (or Sea Captain) Lunt built the first Episcopal church in Newbury, of which Isaac became a member. He died September 27, 1754.

Ephraim, the fourth son of Isaac and Jane Morse, was born April 10, 1751, in Amesbury, Mass. He enlisted with his cousins, James and Samuel, and, on August 1, 1778, he was mustered in the Revolutionary army. He married Sarah Clapp, of Salem, and lived at Amesbury, where three children were born: John married Nancy Pillsbury; Sarah married Mr. Bennett, and Hannah married Mr. Hidden. The family then moved to New Hampshire, where other children born were: Henry, who served in the war of 1812 and died at Bristol; Supply, also a soldier in the war of 1812, who lived to die in 1833 at Bayou Sara, La.; Waity, who married Roswell Mansfield and lived in Amelia, her son, William Mansfield, being clerk of the Clermont county courts from 1870 to 1876; Cynthia married William Rollins, of New York; Christina; Increase Sumner and Constantine.





Increase Sumner Morse, a son of Ephraim and Sarah Morse, was born August 25, 1806, in Raymond, N. H. The standards of intelligence in New England, then as ever, were high and stimulating, and his aspirations were thrilled with the accumulating achievement of his own kindred, which numbered Whittier, the Poet of Freedom, and Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, with long lists of otherwise useful and notable people of the name and blood. His inclination was scholarly and his association refined. Much that others sought with painstaking care he seemed to have by nature. In 1827, on reaching his majority, he left New England for Ohio, in company with his dearest friend, Dana Dudley, who was one of the notable Dana family. The cherished ideal of the two was to visit the best of the world together, but their mutual hope was suddenly closed by the death of Dudley, in 1829, at Bayou Sara from an acute attack of yellow fever. The loss of his chosen friend was a lifelong sorrow for Increase Morse, who spent much of his earlier manhood in travel. The years passed in Europe in the midst of old buildings and historical memories still further developed his innate love of beauty and literature. A perception of the beautiful and the spirit of a rarely poetic nature pervade his letters that have been gathered and are treasured by the family. Among many mementos of that travel is a little case of fragments of stone from noted places and ruins that have special historic interest.

After returning from Europe to Cincinnati he was active and prospered in the Ohio and Mississippi river trade. In 1850 he married Caroline, a daughter of James and Nancy Harrison Whittaker, and a sister of the eminent physician, the late Dr. James T. Whittaker, all of Cincinnati. In 1855, on account of his wife's health, Mr. Morse moved to the highlands of Clermont, where he bought the store of W. W. Sutton in Amelia, and continued the business until his death, June 16, 1875; and Mrs. Morse died there December 27, 1892. They had four children: Caroline Louise, John Henry, Anna and Jessie. Caroline, born in Cincinnati, married William T. Carley, of that city, and they live at Mt. Holly. Jessie married Clarence Eckles Shipp, of Walton county, Georgia, and they live in Chattanooga.

John, born, September 15, 1856, was instantly killed, January 25, 1872, by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands. The untimely fate of the happy, handsome, studious, finely mannered and rarely talented boy was a misfortune



from which there was no recovery for his father, whose ruling sentiment was a cherishing memory of kindred and friends. A lasting evidence of that sentiment is a monument in the cemetery at Amelia carved with the names he loved to hear, though buried far away. Among that inscription is a tablet with a touching tribute to the youthful Dana Dudley, who had been thrust in a nameless grave by Bayou Sara. Another inscription commemorates the Revolutionary service of his father.

In appearance, Increase Morse was a full sized man, rather broad than tall, with a typical blonde complexion. His manner was urbane, so that those not acquainted often thought him foreign born. He lived much among long remembered scenes that he wished to revisit. His son, John, was being trained in the scenic and historic interest of New England, which they were to visit during the summer that followed his death. Among the choicest memories of his daughter, Anna, is a visit with him to his native town and through New England, in which they went to the home of his cousin, John G. Whittier, who honored her, then a girl of twelve, with the duty of bearing a flower from his hand to his poetical friend, John Mellen, in Amelia.

Anna, the second daughter of Increase Sumner, and Caroline Morse, was married, January 11, 1885, to James Reuben Hicks, who was born November 24, 1850, at Newport, Ky., and is a son of James and Caroline Whetstone Hicks. James Hicks, a native of Clermont county, went to Newport in 1845, where he died just before the birth of his son, James R., leaving a widow with four girls and two boys, with whom she moved to Amelia seven years later. After his schooling in Amelia, James R. Hicks took a course at the National Normal at Lebanon, Ohio. Then, with a trend for commercial affairs rather than teaching, he returned home and started as a clerk in a general store. With some savings and experience, in 1876, he started a small store of his own that has grown to be one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in the county.

In 1876 he was appointed postmaster for the office at Amelia and continued so to act until automatically retired during President Cleveland's administration. With the return of his party to control he was re-appointed for a long succession of duty. His interest in political affairs began before the age for voting had been reached, and in his twenty-second year he was the committeeman for the Republican party in his pre-





cinct, from which he was advanced to larger service that has had many terms as chairman of the county executive committee, besides being a prominent factor of the county, district and State conventions of the last generation. In addition to these interests he has held a half interest in the Colter Canning Company, with canneries located at Amelia and Mt. Washington. He is now president and treasurer of that company. He is connected as a director with several corporations in Clermont and Hamilton counties, where he also has fine real estate holdings.

This gratifying success is due to a combination of business instinct with pleasant manners, good habits and tireless energy. Desiring some relief from such a variety of often perplexing cares he sold his store and resigned the office of postmaster in Amelia, in September, 1912, and has spent much of the time since in travel with his family, which includes two sons, W. Morse and Gordon Benneville. W. Morse Hicks, after taking an academic course at the Ohio Military Institute at College Hill, and a scientific course at Miami University, is a student in the Jefferson Medical College. Gordon Benneville Hicks is at home and helpful in his father's affairs.

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### WILLIAM HAYS REINERT.

One of Ripley's most enterprising and progressive citizens is Mr. William Hays Reinert, whose entire active business career has been spent at Ripley, and he is widely known throughout Brown county. He is successfully engaged in conducting a general store and handles lime, plaster, cement, tile and roofing. He has occupied his present store on Front street for the past thirty years, and established the business in 1876. Mr. Reinert was born near Philadelphia, Pa., September 8, 1850, and is a son of Louis F. and Mary Jane (Hays) Reinert.

Mr. Louis F. Reinert was a native of Knithling, Wittenburg, Germany, and his birth occurred August 1, 1825. He was a son of Gottlieb Reinert, a native of Germany who brought his family to America early in the Nineteenth century and settled near Philadelphia. He was for many years a manufacturer of rope, which in those days was made by hand. He reared a large family of children, and after a useful and successful life, passed away at Cooperville, near Philadelphia.



Louis F. Reinert came to America with an older sister, in 1840, some years before his father and mother left the Fatherland. He and his sister located at New York, where he learned the baker's trade, which he followed in the various suburbs of Philadelphia. Louis Reinert was united in marriage at Vincetown, N. J., to Mary Jane Hays, a native of New Jersey, and shortly after this event they removed to Cincinnati, where she passed from this life in 1855, at the age of twenty-five years, leaving beside her husband, two children, the oldest of whom is the subject of this review. A daughter died in early childhood.

The second union of Louis F. Reinert was with Fredricka Fredrich, a native of Germany, and of that union there were five children; a son and daughter died in infancy, and the others are: L. F., a druggist of Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Edward, of Columbus; and J. J., of Walnut Hills, engaged as watchman at the Schacht Automobile Works, Cincinnati.

Mr. Louis F. Reinert was a man of versatile talent, and was a liberal contributor to all worthy enterprises. He was for many years engaged in the bakery and confectionary business; was one of the largest stockholders of the piano factory at Ripley; was extensively interested in a shoe factory at Ripley, and built a large brewery in Brown county. He was one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens, being consulted in all important affairs. He was a Republican and helped extensively in the support of the home guards and served as a councilman and township trustee. Mr. L. F. Reinert and his wife were members of the German Lutheran church, and his large contributions to religious organizations were not confined to his own church. He departed this life at Ripley, in 1894, and left a large amount of property and money. His widow resides at Columbus, Ohio.

The original building of the Reinert Hotel, of Ripley, since remodeled, was erected by Mr. Louis F. Reinert and was conducted by him for many years—a noted and popular eating house. It is now owned by Mrs. J. J. Reinert, and is operated as the Reinert Hotel by Mr. William Tweed.

William Hays Reinert was reared at Ripley and enjoyed the educational privileges of Parker's Academy at Clermontville, which has since been made into a home for the working girls of Cincinnati. Mr. Reinert had for a chum and companion during his school days, Mr. William Carnes, a noted elocutionist.

For some years, Mr. W. H. Reinert was associated with his





father in the piano factory and was "German boy" at the Snedeker & Wiles—now the Kirker & Wiles—store at Ripley. In 1876, he entered upon his business career for himself, and has continued the same business to the present time.

Mr. Reinert was married in 1874, his union being with Miss Lucy Theresa Paratonia, of German descent, and to them have been born five children:

Bertha, wife of John Sholl, of Mankato, Minn., who travels for the Milwaukee Corrugating Company. They have one daughter.

Louis, a pharmacist, died at the age of thirty years.

Oscar, a druggist of Ripley.

Miss Lucy, is associated with her father in the store and resides at home.

William Hays, Jr., is in the restaurant and confectionary business on Main, near Front street, Ripley.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reinert is in the old Thomas McCague property on Front street, between Mulberry and Locust streets, and was probably the first station of the Underground Railroad.

Mr. Reinert is a staunch Republican, and is now serving as a member of the village council. He is a member of the Elks lodge of Maysville, Ky., and of the Knights of Pythias of Ripley. Of the last named he has filled all the chairs, and is past chancellor.

Mr. Reinert and his family are members of the German Protestant church, although they attend the Presbyterian church, to both of which he gives generous support.

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### CHARLES G. SEDERBERG.

One of the most prominent of the younger business men of Clermont county is Charles G. Sederberg, who by his indomitable energy and fearless spirit has risen from a most modest beginning in the business world to one of importance.

He conducts a prosperous jewelry and optical business in the historic Kugler building, of Civil war fame, at the corner of Main and Elm streets, Milford, Ohio.

Charles G. Sederberg was born at Red Wing, Minn., April 4, 1872, his parents being Alfred and Hilda (Kempe) Sederberg, the former of whom was an artist of great ability.







*Chas. G. Bederberg*



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The early education of Charles G. Sederberg was received in the schools of Red Wing, and in 1887 he began learning the jeweler's trade. While learning, he received two dollars per week for the first year, but as an inducement to continue the trade was given an extra twenty-five dollars at the end of the year, and his salary was increased to twenty-five dollars per month.

He served his apprenticeship with M. Q. Lindquist and Byron Chapman, of Red Wing, for about three years, resigning July 13, 1890, when he accepted a position with Weld & Sons, of Minneapolis. While at the latter city he became a member of Company A. Minnesota National Guard, and attended the dedication of the World's Fair, November, 1892, with the National Guard of that State.

Mr. Sederberg came with his people to Terrace Park the following year, where a brother had made a reputation as an instructor in music in Clermont county, also being an instructor in the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati.

It was in the fall of 1893 that Dr. R. C. Belt, of Milford, J. L. Galloway, florist, and John F. Robinson, circus owner, of Terrace Park, saw in Mr. Sederberg mechanical genius and helped him to establish his present business by telling him to work on a number of clocks at the great showman's winter quarters. Later he embarked in the jewelry business in S. R. S. West's Building & Loan Building in Milford. Here he worked on a bench which he constructed with a hatchet and saw out of a dry goods box. This he keeps as a souvenir.

The competitor of this enterprising young man intimated that he would last perhaps one month, but instead Mr. Sederberg finally acquired the store of the former. It was in 1898 that he purchased the stock of Mr. A. C. Norton and has been advancing toward the front since. In 1901 the first telephone exchange was established in Milford in his store, he being the first manager. His salary for the first month on a commission basis was considerably less than the cost of maintenance, but it increased to nine hundred dollars per year. His own business was increasing so rapidly that he gave up the telephone so he might devote his entire time to the jewelry business.

In 1904 Mr. Sederberg went into the agricultural business on a farm near Urbana, Ohio, but in the fall of the same year he decided that he was better fitted for the jeweler's business than he was for a farmer, and he again returned to Milford and embarked in that line.

The first of these is the fact that the United States is a young nation, and that its history is a history of growth and development. The second is the fact that the United States is a nation of immigrants, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better life. The third is the fact that the United States is a nation of free men, and that its history is a history of the struggle for freedom.

The fourth is the fact that the United States is a nation of opportunity, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better future. The fifth is the fact that the United States is a nation of progress, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better world. The sixth is the fact that the United States is a nation of peace, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better peace.

The seventh is the fact that the United States is a nation of justice, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better justice. The eighth is the fact that the United States is a nation of love, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better love. The ninth is the fact that the United States is a nation of hope, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better hope.

The tenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of faith, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better faith. The eleventh is the fact that the United States is a nation of courage, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better courage. The twelfth is the fact that the United States is a nation of strength, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better strength.

The thirteenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of wisdom, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better wisdom. The fourteenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of power, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better power. The fifteenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of glory, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better glory.

The sixteenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of honor, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better honor. The seventeenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of respect, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better respect. The eighteenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of dignity, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better dignity.

The nineteenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of peace, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better peace. The twentieth is the fact that the United States is a nation of love, and that its history is a history of the struggle for a better love.



On May 15, 1902, at Urbana, Ohio, Mr. Sederberg was united in marriage to Miss Ella Bishop Dickinson, a great-granddaughter of Governor R. M. Bishop, of Ohio, and a daughter of William and Kate (Blaise) Dickinson, her birth occurring at Cincinnati. To Mr. and Mrs. Sederberg have been born three children: William Alfred, Charles Bishop, and Hilda Catherine.

Mr. Sederberg is a staunch Democrat in his political views and his first ballot was cast for Grover Cleveland. He has served as a delegate to various conventions, and in November, 1911, he was elected alderman to the city council of Milford, and in 1913 became the first treasurer of the Milford fire department, organized in December, 1912.

Mr. Sederberg took an active part in the campaign of 1912, which resulted in the election of Woodrow Wilson as President and of James M. Cox as Governor of Ohio, and on January 13, 1913, had the pleasure of attending the inauguration of Governor Cox at Columbus.

In 1905 he became a member of the Knights of Pythias. He served five years as secretary of his lodge, and in 1911 was appointed county deputy grand chancellor. He was sent as representative to the Ohio grand lodge at Lima in 1910, and at Hamilton in 1911.

He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity at Milford, and has served as their historian for a number of years. Mrs. Sederberg is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

In their religious faith both Mr. and Mrs. Sederberg are members of the Episcopal church, of which for the last fifteen years he has served as vestryman. In 1911 and 1913 he was chosen as their representative to the State convention at Columbus.

For the past twelve years Mr. Sederberg has been a member of the Men's Club of Christ's Church at Cincinnati, and special correspondent for the "Cincinnati Enquirer."

For a number of years he has been correspondent at Milford for the "Clermont Sun." He assisted in starting the "Milford Record," securing the very first subscription.

In 1912 he was given a special trip with all expenses paid by the Carnegie Steel Company, on the steamer "Thomas Lynch," to Duluth, Minn., and return, through former mayor of Milford, William Magee.

Mr. and Mrs. Sederberg are charter members of the Miami Grange, organized at Milford, in March, 1913, with one hun-

the year 1711, the 11th of the month of June, the  
British fleet, under the command of Admiral Sir  
Robert Blackmore, consisting of 100 ships, arrived  
off the coast of the city of Amsterdam, and on the  
12th of the same month, the fleet was engaged with  
the French fleet, under the command of Admiral  
Jean-Baptiste de Senebier, consisting of 110 ships.

The result of the battle was a decisive victory for  
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dred and eighteen members, and is one of the largest ever chartered in Ohio.

The career of Mr. Sederberg should prove an inspiration to the young men starting out in life with very little capital. He has certainly proved that by capable management and close application to business a young man of ambition may make a business record that is as creditable as it is honorable, and in the healthful growth of trade win the success that constitutes the goal of all business endeavor.

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### AMOS F. ELLIS.

James and Mary Veatch Ellis came from Wales to Maryland, where they raised a family of six sons in the Quaker faith. No tradition has any mention of a daughter. A family register, lost in a fire, was not restored, but a few dates have been kept that help in fixing the localities. The accepted order of the sons is Nathan, Jeremiah, Samuel, Hezekiah, James and Jesse. Nathan was born November 10, 1749, and, in 1770, married Mary Walker, who was born August 31, 1752. They had ten children, the last being born in 1795. Samuel Ellis, Sr., was born October 25, 1754, in Frederick county, Maryland, which at that time—just before Braddock's defeat—was the frontier. In pushing westward they crossed the eastern ridges and no doubt were among those who were repressed by the odious Act of Quebec. For, in the Revolution, Samuel Ellis, Sr., was in Col. John Stevenson's command of Pennsylvanians, who built Fort McIntosh at the mouth of Beaver on the Ohio, and Fort Laurens, where the Big Trail crossed the Tuscarawas river, all as a part of the plan to capture Detroit. For that service, he was placed on the pension roll, April 17, 1834. He married Mary Fry and several of their children were born in the East.

James, the father, died some time after the Revolution. Then the six brothers gathered their families and substance with their mother into a boat at Fort Red Stone, and floated down the Monongahela and the Ohio to Limestone Point or Maysville, which was reached April 27, 1795. The writer of an excellent sketch of the Nathan Ellis Family in Evans and Stiver's History of Adams County gives that date and claims that five hundred Indians were encamped right across the river. It must have been not a war band, but a peace conven-

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### THE EFFECT OF VITAMIN DEFICIENCY ON THE GROWTH OF THE RAT

W. H. WELLS, JR., and J. H. WELLS, JR. (Chicago, Ill.)  
 The effect of vitamin deficiency on the growth of the rat was studied in a series of experiments. The results show that the growth of the rat is significantly affected by the deficiency of certain vitamins. The growth rate is reduced, and the animals become emaciated and die. The deficiency of vitamins A, B, C, D, E, and K was studied. The results show that the deficiency of vitamins A, B, C, D, E, and K all result in a significant reduction in growth rate. The deficiency of vitamins A, B, C, D, E, and K all result in a significant reduction in growth rate. The deficiency of vitamins A, B, C, D, E, and K all result in a significant reduction in growth rate.

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tion for considering Wayne's recent victory. We cannot admit that the Ellis settlements in Ohio were made until 1796. Then, five brothers started homes within the present limits of Brown county. Nathan chose the site where twenty years later he instituted the town of Aberdeen; and the mother of all, whose maiden name was Mary Veatch, died in 1819, and is buried in Aberdeen cemetery. Jeremiah and Hezekiah stopped by Eagle Creek. The other two went farther down. James located near and above White Oak, where he started a still, but eventually went farther west. The James Ellis who settled near Georgetown was a nephew of Nathan, and a son of Samuel, Sr.

The story of Samuel Ellis, Sr., affords much pleasant incident. After the Revolution, he crossed the Potomac and became a neighbor of Col. Robert V. Higgins, who gradually came to owe him twelve hundred dollars. When the Virginia military district became available, Colonel Higgins came west and personally selected the site and laid his warrant for a thousand acres on the Ohio, including the mouth of White Oak creek. On returning to Virginia with glowing description of his land, Colonel Higgins proposed to pay his debt to Samuel with any two hundred acres that might be selected in a body from his tract. On coming west the land was found to equal the Colonel's praise and the part chosen was a rectangular tract one hundred and sixty-five rods wide by two hundred rods long, slightly rolling and situated so that the waters of the west end flow to White Oak and the waters of the east end flow to Straight creek. The bounding foothill runs parallel with the river bank, with scarcely a break or show of ravine at either end of the scene, which forms one of the most beautiful and intrinsically valuable farms of its size, even in the far famed beauty of Ohio. The high price for the time was wisely paid. This farm, besides the distinction of being the first settlement made in Pleasant township by the white race, also has the rare distinction in this region of being owned and occupied by the same family through a hundred and fifteen years.

Upon this ideal farm, Samuel Ellis lived with such fine, successful management to the age of ninety-four years that he was able to give each of his ten children a fine property. He was a tall, energetic, finely made man, who, with the exception of fifteen months' service as county commissioner, that terminated with the territorial days, had no time for public



In 1869, the first of the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* was published. This journal, which was edited by the prominent naturalist and geologist, James D. Dana, was the first of a series of journals that were published by the Academy. The *Annals* were published annually, and they provided a forum for the publication of original research papers in the fields of geology, paleontology, and natural history. The journal was edited by Dana until 1881, when it was taken over by the geologist, Henry D. Silliman.

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affairs. Their children were James, Noah, Abram, Samuel, Matilda, Mary, Christina, India Ann, Nancy and Rebecca.

Upon his father's death, in 1848, the fine old home farm descended to Samuel Ellis, Jr., who married Sarah, a daughter of Amos and Mary McConnell Ellis, whose settlement is noted on page 212, and whose public service is mentioned on page 333 and several succeeding pages of the historical volume of this work. Amos Ellis was from Yellow Creek, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and he was not related to any others of the name mentioned in this work. The children of his family were William, Amos, Rachel, Rebecca Mary, Sarah and Ann.

The thrifty management of the pioneer Samuel Ellis was continued by his son Samuel, Jr., who largely restored the original survey of Colonel Higgins to the first form through a series of events that included the relations of several notable families. In his earliest days in Brown county, Thomas L. Hamer married Lydia B., a daughter of Colonel Higgins, and, at the outbreak of the Mexican war, Hamer's partner in his law firm was Sanders W. Johnston, a grandson of Colonel Higgins, and the captain of the first company from Brown county in the Mexican war, and also the State Senator from Brown and Clermont in 1852-3. After General Hamer's death, in administering upon his estate, Captain Johnston sold four hundred and thirty acres of Colonel Higgins's original survey at \$40.00 per acre, in 1853, to Samuel Ellis, Jr., who thus came to own six hundred and thirty acres of the tract selected by Colonel Higgins. Upon this homestead he lived as the sole owner until his death, November 20, 1870, in his seventy-seventh year.

Samuel and Sarah Ellis had eleven children. Melissa married David Barr. They left one son and two daughters. America married Henry Remley. They left one son. Amanda married Harrison Barr. They lived in Greenfield, Ind., and left no children. Noah married Elizabeth Frost and left one son and three daughters.

George M. married Emma Jones and has one son and two daughters. Amos F., mentioned below. Samuel, Jr., married Georgia Drake and had two sons and four daughters. Mary Ann married Joseph Heizer and left two daughters living in Greenfield, Ind. Poleman Nelson Ellis married Hannah Pangburn. They had four sons. Of them, the father and two sons are dead, but the widow and the other two sons, Oscar C. and Edgar W., are sketched on other pages of this



work. Eliza married John Steward, lived in Neoga, Ill., and left one son. Alonzo W. died unmarried at Bantam, in Clermont county. Unless otherwise stated these people belong to Brown county; and all of them have had a just pride in the rare beauty of the ancestral farm, which Samuel Ellis, Jr., besides other holdings, was able to enlarge to almost a thousand contiguous acres. He earnestly advised that some one of his posterity should own the first choice of his father.

The old homestead of two hundred acres has thus been owned by Samuel Ellis, Sr., for fifty-two years, or until 1848, and then by Samuel Ellis, Jr., for twenty-two years, or until 1870. In the partition of the estate, the homestead was bought by Amos F. Ellis for \$92.50 per acre, subject to the dower of his mother, who died in January, 1872, in her seventy-third year. In 1879 the property was sold to his youngest brother, Alonzo W. Ellis, from whom it was bought by another brother, Poleman N. Ellis, from whom, upon his death, August 28, 1912, the still cherished old homestead still entire passed by inheritance to his widow, Hannah, and their sons, Oscar C. and Edgar W. Ellis, of the fourth generation.

Amos F. Ellis, sixth child of Samuel and Sarah Ellis, was born July 2, 1831. After the schools at home, he took the scientific course at the Ohio Wesleyan University, and returned to the ancestral home in the summer of 1852, whence he went down the river on the then popular steamboat trip. Over five years were spent in teaching and traveling that included the most interesting points of every Southern State. On March 2, 1858, he married Maria, a daughter of Jesse and Christina Heizer Dugan, as mentioned on Page 244 of our History. Their only child, Frank P. Ellis, was born December 7, 1858. In the Civil war, Amos F. Ellis sternly enlisted in Company K of the Seventieth Ohio, in which he served as a lieutenant and was present both days of the battle of Shiloh in a way that was warmly commended in the official reports.

In 1863 the "Soldier Vote" elected him recorder of Brown county. Amid the promise of financial prosperity, his wife died, October 23, 1873. In 1877 he married Maria, a daughter of Nicholas and Ann Posey Sinks, and a granddaughter of Nicholas Sinks, Sr., mentioned in the sketch of the Sharp Family. Soon after this marriage, Mr. Ellis moved from Higgsport to Williamsburg, where none lived in kinder plenty or finer content till their home was desolated on November 25, 1910, by the death of Maria Ellis. But Amos Ellis is not





lacking in true philosophy. Like his ancestors, he believes in broad acres, and the many he owns keep his thoughts busy.

On November 15, 1882, Frank P. Ellis married Mary F., youngest daughter of John and Elizabeth Wright Park, whose ancestry is detailed in the sketch of that family. Since their marriage Frank and Mary Park Ellis have lived in Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn. They have four daughters, Effie, Marie, Ruth and Frankie. The latter two are at home. Marie married Robert Sayes, of Chattanooga. Effie married Herschel M. Candler, a native of North Carolina, a lawyer, an ex-member of the legislature, and is serving on the staff of Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, with the rank of colonel. They live in Athens, and have one daughter, Mildred.

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#### FRANK C. FETZER.

Frank C. Fetzer, at present serving the second term as clerk of courts of Clermont county, Ohio, was born October 11, 1873, at New Palestine, Clermont county, Ohio, the eighth of a family of twelve children. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Klett) Fetzer.

Jacob was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 9, 1836. At eighteen years of age, he came to America, the first of his family to migrate to "The Land of Promise." He located at once on a farm in Clermont county, and soon established a blacksmith and wagon manufacturing business at New Palestine. Being successful in this he later opened a grocery store. For seventeen years he was postmaster. Though taking an active part in politics in favor of the Democratic party, he never was a candidate for an elective office. He was a prominent Mason and was also associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His church affiliation was with the German Protestant church.

Elizabeth Klett was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 24, 1841. She became a member of the German Protestant church at New Richmond. Her father, John Klett, after coming to this country from Saxony, Germany, engaged in various vocations. For a time he was a farmer at Sweet Wine, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Jacob and Elizabeth (Klett) Fetzer were the parents of twelve children: Rosie and John, both of whom died in in-



fancy; Louise, died of typhoid fever at the age of seventeen; Elizabeth, died of typhoid fever at fourteen years of age; Magdalena, also a victim of typhoid, died leaving nine children; John G., a blacksmith of New Palestine; Jacob, Jr., a blacksmith of Jackson, Ohio; F. C., our subject; Emma, wife of George A. Longhouser, of Amelia, this county; Amelia, wife of C. L. Harcum, of Bloomington, Ill.; William M., who was married at Lockland, Hamilton county, Ohio, holds an excellent position with the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company; Matilda is the wife of Henry T. Tuttle, who is engaged in the preserving works at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Frank C. Fetzer has resided at New Palestine practically all his life. In 1904 he engaged in the trade of cigar maker and followed it for several years. Politically, he is a Democrat and has served as township assessor and township clerk of Pierce township. His wife, nee Rosie M. Abbott, was born in California, Hamilton county, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas M. and Emma (Walker) Abbott, of New Richmond. Edith Mildred, the only child of our subject, was born September 9, 1911.

In religion, Mr. Fetzer is a member of the German Protestant church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of New Richmond. Socially, he belongs to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and both are members of the ladies' auxiliary thereof.

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### CHARLES W. PEGG.

Charles W. Pegg, now residing as a retired business man in his beautiful home in Batavia, Ohio, was born October 5, 1832, just across the street from his present home. His father, John Pegg, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 3, 1793. He made his home in the West, first at Brookville, Ind., and then came to Batavia, where he was one of Batavia's first merchants. He died, July 7, 1834, at the early age of forty years and almost eleven months, leaving his wife, Hannah (Miles) Pegg, with three sons and three daughters, two of whom are still living), viz: Mrs. McEwen, of Falmouth, Ky., who has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and Charles W., our subject. Hannah (Miles) Pegg was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, just back of Mt. Healthy. She was married a second

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time to Mr. W. H. Robinson, a resident of Clermont county. She died April 24, 1888, at the age of eighty-four, being born January 29, 1804. She was a cousin of Gen. Nelson A. Miles, United States Army.

Daniel Pegg, grandfather of our subject, was a noted banker in Philadelphia. While his son, John, was living in Brookville, Ind., he made him a visit, making the trip on horseback. It is thought that he was killed by Indians on his return trip, as he was not heard of after leaving his son's home. He was a wealthy man and left a large estate in what is now a part of the city of Philadelphia.

The Pegg family are probably of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. John Pegg were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, as are also Charles W. Pegg and wife.

Charles W. Pegg was educated in the Clermont county schools. December 31, 1852, at the age of twenty, he went to California, where he entered the mines for a short time and later engaged in business. In 1862 he went to Washoe City, Nev., where he was the first Republican sheriff of the county. He always voted the Republican ticket. Later he went to Virginia City, Nev., where he was engaged in freighting and other lines of business. In 1873 he returned to his native town, Batavia, where for many years he has been and is still a stockholder and a director in the John Van Range Company. He was married, June 6, 1858, to Miss Josephine McLaughlin, of Cincinnati, daughter of John McLaughlin, an extensive pork merchant. To this union one son was born, Warren W., who was engaged in the printing business at Garden City, Kan., where he died while still a young man, leaving a wife to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Pegg died November 17, 1905, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. Pegg was married again, November 7, 1909, to Miss Laura B. Kain, a representative of a very old family.

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### JOSEPH L. LARKIN.

Among the wide-awake native sons of Clermont county, Ohio, who have sought and found opportunities for business advancement in their home locality and whose efforts have been crowned with honor and appreciation, is Joseph L. Larkin, a man of large interests, politically and socially. At present there is no indication that the people who elected him to the







